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Saturday.				
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28th ,,	CALEDONIA	7558	HIMALAYA	6893
4th Feb.	EGYPT	7912	.....	.....
11th ,,	ARCADIA	6923	INDIA	7911
18th ,,	CALEDONIA	7558	.....	.....
25th ,,	PERSIA	7951	BRITANNIA	6923
4th Mar.	MACEDONIA	10512	.....	.....
11th ,,	ARCADIA	6903	MONGOLIA	9505
18th ,,	ARABIA	7923	.....	.....
25th ,,	PENINSULAR	5294	OCEANA	6910
1st April	PERSIA	7951	.....	.....
8th ,,	ARCADIA	6903	MARMORA	10509
15th ,,	EGYPT	7912	.....	.....
22nd ,,	PENINSULAR	5294	CHINA	7912
29th ,,	CALEDONIA	7558	.....	.....
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13th ,,	MACEDONIA	10512	.....	.....

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Bombay 19 January, 1905.

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3. Manichchikkaddi is on the mainland, eight miles by sea south of Silavatural, and supplies of good water and provisions can be obtained there.

4. The fishery will be conducted on account of Government and the oysters put up to sale in such lots as may be deemed expedient.

5. The arrangements of the fishery will be the same as have been usual on similar occasions. Persons attending the Fishery Camp from India will be permitted to travel to Ceylon by either of the following routes: (1) Tuticorin to Colombo or (2) Paumben to Manichchikkaddi—and by no other. Arrangements will be made as at the last fishery for travellers to proceed from Paumben direct to the Camp. The only restriction imposed on travellers by the Paumben route will be inspection by the Medical Officer at Paumben.

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9. All communications regarding the fishery must be addressed to the Government Agent, Northern Province, Jaffna Ceylon, up to the end of January, after which date they should be addressed to him at Marichchikkaddi.

By His Excellency's command,
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Colonial Secretary's Office, Colombo, December 16, 1904.

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No. 8 of 1904.

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20	21 10	48 8	33 6	62 7	65 5	67 3	87 11 20
21	22 1	49 4	33 14	62 15	64 6	67 8	87 13 21
22	22 12	50 0	34 7	63 7	64 8	67 10	87 15 22
23	23 1	50 12	35 0	31 15	64 9	67 12	88 1 23
24	23 9	51 8	35 10	32 7	64 11	67 14	88 4 24
25	24 2	52 5	36 4	58 0	64 13	68 0	88 7 25
26	24 11	53 2	36 15	58 9	64 15	68 2	88 10 26
27	25 5	54 0	40 10	34 2	65 1	68 6	88 14 27
28	25 15	54 14	41 2	34 14	65 4	68 9	89 2 28
29	26 9	55 13	42 1	35 6	65 7	68 13	89 6 29
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34	30 6	61 1	46 3	38 15	66 8	50 2	41 3 34
35	31 5	62 3	47 1	39 12	66 13	50 8	41 10 35
36	32 5	63 8	48 0	40 10	67 2	50 14	42 2 36
37	33 5	64 12	49 0	41 9	67 8	51 5	42 11 37
38	34 6	66 1	50 1	42 8	67 14	51 13	43 5 38
39	35 8	67 6	51 3	43 8	68 4	52 5	44 15 39
40	36 11	68 12	52 5	44 9	68 11	52 14	44 10 40
41	38 0	70 3	55 8	45 11	69 3	53 8	45 6 41
42	39 6	71 11	54 12	46 14	69 13	54 3	46 4 42
43	40 13	73 4	56 1	48 2	70 6	55 0	47 3 43
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BOMBAY YACHT CLUB RACES.

"A" Class Yachts Handicap Race for a Cup presented by Mr N N Wadia—Sailed at 2-30 p.m. to-day.

Names of Boats	Time Allowances M S	Entered by	Start at H M S
Forella.....	10 03	Mr C T R Scovell	2 50 0
Melody.....	23 27	Mr J H K Macbeth	2 50 0
Stella	26 06	Col H W Boyd IMS	2 50 0
Isca	32 23	Mr E Faulkner	2 50 0
Eileen	scratch	Mr N N Wadia ...	2 50 0

Course from Committee vessel round North Karanja Buoy, round South Karanja, round the Committee vessel leaving them to starboard, thence round North Karanja Buoy leaving it to port and back to the Committee Vessel. Officer in charge—1st 4 miles—Time limit 6 p.m.

"B" Class Yachts Handicap Race for the Cup presented by Mr N N Wadia—Sailed at 3-10 p.m. to-day.

Name of Boats	Time Allowance M S	Entered by	Start at H M S
Janetta.....	Scratch	Officers, R E	3 10 0
Pixie	2 56	Mr E R Smetham....	3 10 0
Trixie	2 56	Mr A. M Monteath ...	3 10 0
Jean	17 36	Capt H S Black R I M	3 10 0
Sayonara ...	11 11	Maj Curtis, R A M C and Mr C J Nomico...	3 10 0

From Committee Vessel round North Karanja Buoy, round South Karanja Buoy and thence to Committee Vessel, leaving all marks to starboard.
Course No 3—8½ miles—Time limit 6 p.m.

Tomtit Class and Handicap Race, for a Cup presented by Mr N N Wadia—Sailed at 3 p.m. to-day.

Names of Boats	Time Allowances M S	Entered by	Start at H M S
Tomtit	Scratch	Dr F M Gibson.....	3 0 0
Mez	Scratch	Mr C H Byrne.....	3 0 0
Lapwing	3 42	Mr F C Richards...	3 0 0
Maud	13 19	Mr J F Needham ...	3 0 0
Midget	6 36	Officers, R A.....	3 0 0

From Committee Vessel round North Karanja Buoy round South Karanja Buoy and thence to Committee Vessel leaving all marks to starboard.
Course No 5—8½ miles—Time limit 6 p.m.

HIGH COURT.—JAN. 21.

Before the Hon'ble Mr Justice B TYABJI.
For Judgment.

In the matter of Bai Kaloo and another Minors and in re the administrator Generals Act VI of 02 and in re the Trustees Act II of 1882 and in re last will and Testament of Mowji Madhawjee deceased—Mansukhal J and H—Amerchand Madhawjee—Petitioner—Capt and V and Little and Co.

831-04—J P Dastoor Pestonjee Dhunjeebhoy Wardon vs Bai Kharesibhai widow and others—Pestonjee R and K and Jamsetjee and R

In the matter of the Specific Relief Act of 1877 and in re Tura-ul Ibrahim Purkee and other applicants and the Commissioner of Police Bombay—Smetam B and N—Tarrabai Ibrahim Purkee and others—Petitioner E F Nicholson for Govt

Petition jor hearing.

In the matter of the Indian Companies Act VI of 82 and of the Indus Carbono acid Inventions Syndicate Co Ld.,
M B Chothia Jessangbhoy Moganbhoy Moganbhoy and Co and others.—Petitioners—Crawford B and Co

Contested Chambers.

Suits for hearing and final disposal
Long Causes

653,01—Smetham B and N—Shamrao Bai, vs Balaram Sudkoji Bole and others in person Jamsetji and R—

Part heard

670,04—Smetham B and N—Shamrao Bhai vs Balaram

Before the Hon Mr Justice HATCHELOR
Suits for hearing and final disposal.
Long Causes.

765,03—Madhowjee and K—Purshotam Jadhowji vs Khimji Nursey and others—K B Mehta

720,04—Khunderay S and L—Bhuiali Selaji and others vs Goolam Mahomed Dawood and another—Payne and Co

220,01—Nanji D and S—Kaljee Bhaijee vs Dewram Keshowjee In person

418,04—M B Chothia—Dewkuar Jamshedjee Mistry vs Pestonjee Jehangir Hormusjee Pestonjee—R and K and M B Chothia

567,02—Hiralal Dayabhai for a pauper—Raghunath Yankatesh vs Bai Abal widow and others—B Raghavaya

331,01—Tyabjee D and Co—Jekrandas Haridas vs Hajee Noor Mahomed Cassum Nutha—Captain W

459,00—Tyabjee D and Co—Damodardas Vandrawandas and another vs Devidas Vandrawandas and others—Inglow G and W Daptary and S Jamsetjee and R

323,04—Tyabjee D and Co—Moosabhai Mahomed Sajun vs Yacoobhai Mahomed Sajan and another—Nanu R and Co and T D and Co

BOMBAY LIGHT HORSE.

SQUADRON ORDERS, BY MAJOR. T. W. CUFFE
A. D. C. COMMANDING Hs. L. H.
Bombay, January 21, 1905.
Musketry.

1 Those who have not yet completed are requested to communicate at once with the Instructor with a view to all class-firing being completed during the present month.

The Competition for the monthly Challenge Cup will be held this afternoon at Santa Cruz. Distances will be those of the annual course. Train leaves Church Gate Station at 2-50 p m Bombay Time.

3 The Squadron will parade on Tuesday morning next, the 24th instant on the Sands at Church Gate Station at 7 a. m. Sharp.

Dress.—Drill order, Khaki.

By Order,
F. A. REDDIE, Lieut,
Acting Adjt. B. L. H

BOMBAY VOLUNTEER ARTILLERY.

REGIMENTAL ORDERS, BY LT.-COL. LOUIS P. RUSSELL, COMMANDING R. V. A.
Bombay, January 21, 1905.

1 No 2 Company will parade at 4-30 p m to-day (Saturday) fat the Club Apollo Bander and proceed to Colaba North For o r 6" Br Gun Drill.

2 There will be a meeting of the Regimental Committee at the R V A Club on Monday the 23rd inst at 6-30 p m.

3 Leave of absence for 3 months from the 11th instant has been granted to Gr J H B McMeeuzeny.

By Order
A. STIFFE, Capt. R. A,
Adjt. B. V A

BOMBAY VOLUNTEER RIFLES,

REGIMENTAL ORDERS BY LIEUT-COL E. FERRERS NICHOLSON, V. D. COMMANDING.
Bombay, January 21, 1905.

1. The Battalion will parade on Wednesday the 25th instant for Route March.

Fall in at the Sir Bartle Frere Statue at 8-30 p m

Dress—Drill order Helmets, Bandoliers and Putties to be worn.

2. It is notified for information that the Corps will hold a Camp of Instruction at Santa Cruz from the 3rd to the 11th February 1905, both days inclusive. The Annual Inspection will take place at the Camp on Saturday the 11th February, 1905.

3. The 113th Bombay Infantry Rifle Range at Santa Cruz will be available for class-firing daily until further orders. The Commanding Officer trusts that members will take advantage of this and that Section Commanders will get their Sections out to the Range so that their Sections may complete their class-firing at soon as possible.

4. BOMBAY VOLUNTEER RIFLES.—RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

The following is the programme for the remainder of the Corps Rifle Meeting at Ghat Cooper Rifle Range:—

Sunday, 22nd instant..... Match III—700 and 800 yards.
Monday, 23rd instant..... Match IV—Sharp Shooters.
Match V—Moving Target.
Tuesday, 24th instant..... All Comers Competitions to Matches VII. and VIII.

5 The Battalion will fall in the Church Parade at the Gymkhana end of the Parade ground at 5-15 p m on Sunday the 29th instant.

Dress—Khaki. Helmets Putties and Side Arms, Bandoliers will not be worn.

By Order,
G. D. PYKE, Captain,
Adjutant R. V. R.

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Miss Day.
(From a Photo.)

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"I don't know what I should have done if I had not heard of and used Doan's kidney medicine. I have never come across anything so reliable as Doan's; indeed, nothing else I tried gave me any relief. Again thanking you, dear sirs, I remain, Yours faithfully, (Signed) (Miss) E. A. DAY."

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2 months hence	27 7-16	=	—1-16
Spot in New York	60 1-2	=	—1-8

EXCHANGES—

Paris cheques	25'13	=	unchanged
Berlin "	20'45 1-2	=	+ 1-2
New York Demand	4'87 3-4	=	+ 1-8

DISCOUNTS—

Bank of England	3 per cent	=	unchanged
3 months' eight Bank Bills	2 1-2 per cent	=	do
" " Fine Trade	2 3-8 per cent	=	do
Bills	2 7-8 per cent	=	do
6 months' eight Fine Trade Bills	2 1-8 per cent	=	do

INTEREST—

Day to day loans	1 7-8 per cent	=	do
7 day market loans	per cent	=	do

SKIN SALES.

Goat skin sale closed to-day. Goat skins sold 760,0) General tone very firm. Goat skins Madras Bombay firm and prices 1-2 to 1d. higher. Goat skins firm and active demand.

SUGAR—
Germas granulated 1st marks 11 7-8 D.-J., value steady.

WHEAT—
White Delhi 30 M.J. done quiet.

COFFEE—
Coffee in New York, 8 7-8

ARRIVALS.—Steamers Ventmoor, Blakemoor and Anchor Line Australia.

In Liverpool.—Cotton Market closed steadier East Indian quiet. Manchester steady. Total sales 12,000, Spot 3'75—6. Egyptian F, G, F, Brown 6 13-16. Sold on speculation and for EXPORT 2,000. Imports 4,000. Futures closed steady.

Jan.-Feb.	Feb.-Mar.	Mar.-April
3'66	3'70	3'74
—3	—3	—2
April-May	May-June	June-July
3'77	3'80	3'83
—2	—2	—2
July-Aug.	Aug.-Sept.	Sept.-Oct.
3'88	3'27	3'99
—2	—2	—1

Receipts at U S Ports	16,000
Do. last year	19,000
Exports to Great Britain	11,000
Do. to Continent	7,000

IN NEW YORK—

Spot	7'25
Futures, month of March	6'32 + 4
Do. do. July	7'05 + 4

IN NEW ORLEANS—

Spot	7'90
Futures, month of April	6'80 + 4
Do. do. July	6'91 + 6
Tone at close	steady.

Arrivals of Cotton, Wheat and Seeds into Bombay, for the 24 hours ending at 6 p. m., on Thursday, 19th January, 1905:—

Cotton	11,016 bales.
Wheat	17,240 cwts.
Linseed	2,5-1 "
Rape, Rai and Mustard	1,161 "
Gingellyseed	13,616 "
Poppyseed	251 "
Myrabolams	293 "
Castorseed	1,571 "
Rice	8,721 "
Chillies	4,011 "
Cottonseed	6,639 "
Mowrasseed	638 "
Gram	3,357 "
Joowar	4,674 "
Maize	1,001 "

BOMBAY, FRIDAY, JAN. 20.

COTTON.

The daily receipts at the U. S. ports continue on a very light scale, and large quantities of cotton must be held back in the interior. The visible supplies are decreasing, but in spite of this prices are not affected and quotations show but little change since last week. Fluctuations are very moderate, and the fight between the farmers who hold the cotton, and the Bear operators, shows little in favour of either side. At the present level of prices spinners are probably satisfied to take up all their requirements, but with the enormous crop harvested no anxiety is felt with regard to the near future. A reaction may set in later in the spring months when reports regarding the acreage and sowings of the new crop are received.

The following are the daily closing quotations for spot middling Americans in Liverpool and New York since our last mail report:—

	Liverpool.	New York.
Jan. 13th	3'80	7'20
" 14th	3'82	7'20
" 16th	3'82	7'25
" 17th	3'87	7'25
" 18th	3'81	7'25
" 19th	3'75	7'25

The following are the daily closing quotations for futures, Liverpool, March-April, and New York, March:—

	Liverpool.	New York.
Jan. 13th	3'76	6'83
" 14th	3'75	6'87
" 16th	3'77	6'95
" 17th	3'80	6'90
" 18th	3'76	6'82
" 19th	3'74	6'86

In Bombay a heavy decline has taken place during the past week, and there are eager sellers for forward delivery at a large discount off current quotations for January. The position we ventured to foretell in our article dated the 30th December is being fully realised. We wrote on that date as follows:—

In Bombay the actual decline in quotations has again been small in comparison with Americans. Arrivals in our market are on a moderate scale and cotton is being held back up-country hoping for better prices. It is not difficult to foresee the result of these tactics. The time must come when the abstention of European buyers will cause a large stock of unsold cotton to accumulate, and when the holders want to realise, forced sales must be made and at prices which will show a heavy loss on those lately offered and refused by dealers. The consumption of the Indian Mills is limited, and the surplus crop must be exported. It remains to be seen at what price spinners in Europe will buy this surplus, when enormous supplies of American cotton are available at cheap rates.

Bombay shipments of the past four weeks have amounted to 20 packs to New York and 30 packs to Liverpool.

In Bombay there has been a decline of over Rs. 20 in Broach and Rs. 15 in Oomras. Bengals have remained fairly steady for the January cutta settlement, but this is now beginning to give way, and there are free sellers at Rs. 10 lower for February-March delivery. Cotton is coming more freely into the up-country markets and arrivals in Bombay are increasing. We are still without that enquiry from the Continent, where the large surplus stocks, over the local Mill requirements and Japan exports, are usually absorbed. There has, of course, been a moderate amount of buying during the current week, on the decline. Export houses have been covering previous sales, the Mills have been moderately heavy buyers, and speculators were also operating. But the weak point in the position is the scarcity of fresh orders from Europe, and until prices are sufficiently tempting for European spinners to re-enter the market as buyers, we do not think the lowest values will be reached. It seems very probable that the extremely low prices of 1897 and 1898 will be current shortly, and that our season will drag on with large surplus supplies for some months to come. It is only a natural re-action after the inflated prices of last year, which were the cause of the gigantic crops of the current season.

COTTON STATISTICS.

Receipts for the week	79,131
Receipts from 1st Oct to 19th Jan.	6,93,055
Shipments for week to Europe	13,009
Do. China, Japan, and Coast Ports	2,229
Total	15,238

Total Shipments from 1st Oct. to 19th Jan.

Europe	88,182
Japan	1,35,231
China	9,256
Coast Ports	4,571
Total	2,37,240
Afloat in Harbour for Europe	3,023
China, Japan, and Coast Ports	17,569

LIVERPOOL OPENING TELEGRAM.

Tone—steady.
Estimated sales ....bales 8,000
Imports ....do. 32,000

Jan.-Feb	Feb.-Meh.	Meh-Apl.
3'67	3'71	3'75
+1	+1	+1
Apl.-May	May-June	June-July
3'78	3'81	3'84
+1	+1	+1
July-Aug.	Aug. Sept.	Sept.-Oct.
3'86	3'83	3'91
+1	+1	+1

COTTON.—There is a slightly steadier tone in our market this afternoon and a moderate business was done at Colaba both in ready cotton and for forward delivery. The Mills and export houses are buying quietly.

Official quotations of the Bombay Cotton Trade Association, Limited:—

Bengal (H.-G.) (Ry. terms)	166	155 ...	25 Jan.
Bengals (H.G.) (Ry. terms)	167	153 ...	20 do.
Oomrawatees (descriptions) (M.-G.)	167	161 ...	20-25 do.
Khandeish do.	163	157	25 do.
Do. do.	164	158	20 do.
Khangaum fair staple (M.G)	169	163 ...	20 25 do.
Karanja do. do. do.			
Akola do. do. do.			
Oomra, good staple (M.G.)	176	170 ...	20-25 do.
Dhamangaum Podgaum (M-G)	170	164 ...	20-25 do.
Nagpore and Kampti do.	171	165 ...	2-25 do.
Broach (M.-G.)	183	... ...	Feb-Mar. 25
Do. (M.-G.)	...	... ...	184 15/25 Mar.
Bhownugger do.	176	166 159	25 May Nl
Do (M.-G.)	173	163 156	25 do Nl.
Muttia (M.-G.)	170	163	Feb-Mar 25 Nl.
Dharwar (S.-G)	...	... ...	178 May 25
Western ...	...	... ...	168 do.
Bengal (M.-G.)	168	158 ...	25 Jan.
Sind-Punjab	169	159 ...	20 de.
Jalgaon ...	...	...	165 159 25 do.
Do.	...	...	166 159 20 do.
Dhollera (M.-G.)	178	168	161 25 May Nl.
Do. (U.-G.)	175	165	158 do. Nl.

SEEDS AND WHEAT.

Linseed.—A fairly large business was done during the week for shipment at Rs. 5-6 to Rs. 5-6-6 per cent. At the close the tone is steady.

Rapeseed.—This market is very quiet and we hear of little business passing. Quotations are practically unchanged.

Poppyseed has declined to Rs. 5-9 per cent., with a little enquiry at the rate.

Castorseed.—The price of this article has advanced to Rs. 28-8 to Rs. 29 per candy and the market closes firm.

Mowrasseed is unchanged at Rs. 5-2 per cent. Little doing in a firm market.

Gingellyseed has been firm and advancing. There is a good enquiry for shipment and sellers are firm holders. Stocks and supplies are small.

Wheat was quiet throughout the week with little demand for export in the local market.

Week's Arrivals of Cotton, Wheat and Seeds into Bombay:—

Cotton	79,131 bales
Wheat	124,325 cwts
Linseed	20,345 "
Rape, Rai and Mustard	19,098 "
Gingellyseed	75,115 "
Poppyseed	3,434 "
Groundnuts	6,301 "
Castorseed	5,420 "
Rice	80,559 "
Myrabolams	27,970 "
Cottonseed	61,203 "
Mowrasseed	3,785 "
Gram	15,953 "
Joowar	20,771 "
Maize	8,910 "

SEEDS—

	Rs. a. p.
Linseed.—Tone steady.	
Ready	5 7 0
Rapeseed.—Tone quiet,	
Brown Cawnpore, Ready.	5 8 0
Yellow Cawnpore, Ready	5 10 0
Yellow Guzerat, Ready	5 11 0
Poppyseed.—Tone steady.	
Ready	5 9 0
Castorseed—Tone firm,	
Ready	2 8 8 0
GINGELLYSEED.	
Howree Khandeish	Rs. 39
15 per cent Mixed	Rs. 38 1-2
25 per cent. " ...	32 1-2
50 per cent. " ...	36
Black Kutnee " ...	33

FREIGHT.

This market was very quiet early in the week, but at the close the tone is steadier, with slightly more enquiry for tonnage. The steamer Castello filled up at 13s. 6d. for Hull, and for Hamburg bookings were made in the ready steamer Penlee at 14s. 3d. For February a line was booked for Antwerp at 14s. 6d. S. W. Sellers quote for January 14s. 6d. to 15s. S. W. and 6d. more for cotton according to port required, and for February to May 14s. 9d. to 15s. 6d. S. W. C.

The steamer Clan Macdonald is reported fixed at 15s. one port, early February. And the steamer Ben Lomond was berthed for Antwerp at 14s. 6d. January-February loading.

MONEY.

BANK RATE.—

Bank of England since 21st April	3	per cent	
Bank of Bombay do 20th October	5	do	
Bank of Bengal do 10th November	6	do	
Bank of Madras do 22nd December	5	do	

The following is the Weekly Statement of the Bank of Bombay for the week ending 14th January as compared with that of the previous week.

LIABILITIES,	Rs.	
Public Deposits	12,03,077	Increase
Other Deposits	37,19,393	Decrease
Sundries	25,808	Increase
ASSETS.		
Government Securities ...	3,22,330	Decrease
Other Authorized Securities ...	3,112	do.
Credits on Securities	1,07,982	Increase
Loans, do.	3,38,708	Decrease
Bills discounted & purchased ...	9,79,723	Increase
Balance with other Banks ...	2,12,227	Decrease
Sundries	40,928	do.
Cash	23,54,017	do.

These figures show an increase of 45 lakhs in the Trade Demand.

The Bank of Bengal weekly cash balance shows a decline of 22 lakhs and that of the Bank of Madras a decline of 13 1/4 lakhs. Money has been in slightly better demand and some large amounts have been forwarded to Burmah for moving the rice crop. Supplies, however, continue to be ample for all requirements and no change is made in the Official Bank rates. A large shipment of gold is advised from Australia this week and gold is also en route for Bombay from Egypt. The rate for fixed deposits is about 3 1/2 per cent. per annum for two months and 4 per cent per annum for three months.

PAPER CURRENCY RESERVE.

The following are the latest returns as published in the "Gazette of India" for the 7th January:—

Silver coin	Rs. 10,79,41,382
Gold coin and bullion	Rs. 18,80,43,060
Silver held as security	Rs. 1,50,75,581
Total of notes in circulation,	Rs. 38,17,60,063.

COUNCIL BILLS.

The total amount of Council Bills allotted during the week ending on Tuesday evening was one crore and sixty thousand. At the weekly allotment on Wednesday ninety lakhs was put up for tender, of which sum 61'80 lakhs was taken up in bills at 1s. 4 1-16d, and the balance, 28'20 lakhs, in telegraphic transfers at 1s. 4 3-32d., tenderers at these rates receiving 13 per cent. For next week the amount advertised for allotment is raised to one crore. Extra bills to the extent of eighteen lakhs were afterwards allotted at 1s. 4 3-32d.

The mail of the 6th January brings £330,000 silver and £50,000 gold for Bombay also £30,000 silver and £30,000 gold for Calcutta and the following Council Bills:—

Calcutta	Rs. 57,40,000
Bombay	" 10,70,000
Madras	" 10,70,000
Total	Rs. 78,80,000

The mail of the 13th January brings £190,000 silver, and £70,000 gold, for Bombay and the following Council Bills:—

Calcutta	Rs. 57,10,000
Bombay	" 13,60,000
Madras	" 7,10,000
Total	Rs. 77,80,000

The mail of the 20th January brings £40,000 silver and £100,000 gold for Bombay, and the following Council Bills:—

Calcutta	Rs. 40,00,000
Bombay	" 30,00,000
Madras	" 10,00,000
Total	Rs. 80,00,000

EXCHANGE.

The market for sterling exchange is a shade quieter. Ready T. T. is now quoted 1s. 4 1-16d. and Demand 1s. 4 1-16d. to 1s. 4 2-32d., the latter rate not being general. Early in the week T. T. was done at 1s. 4 3-32d. for near delivery combined with February at thesame rate. For forward delivery we quote T.T. February 1s. 4 3-32d., March 1s. 4 1-16d., April 1s. 4 1-32d. and May is doubtful at 1s. 4d. For the monsoon months 1s. 3 31-32d. is quoted. The quotation for 3 months' sight D. A. credits is 1s. 4 9-32d., but bills have been placed ready at 1s. 4 1-4d. There is still a great scarcity of Mercantile bills in the market.

EXCHANGE—Tone quiet.

Bank T. T.			1s. 4 1-16d.
Bank Demand			1s. 4 3-32d. to 1-16.
Credits Bills 3 Months' Sight	D. A.	1s. 4 9-32d.	
Do	6 do	do	1s. 4 13-32d.
French Francs 2 do	do	do	170 3-4
Marks 3 do	do	do	1-9
Hongkong 10 Days' Sight			137
Shanghai 30 do	do	do	193
Japan 30 do	do	do	148

GOVERNMENT PAPER.

This market firmed up during the week chiefly due to purchases in Bombay for the coming settlement on account of Calcutta, and the rate advanced to Rs. 98 for cash and forward. At the close the tone of the market is steady at Rs. 97-15.

3 1-2 per cent. cash	Rs.	97	15 0
3 1-2 per cent. 1st February	Rs.	97	15 0
3 per cent. ready	Rs.	86	8

	Repayable.	Rate.
4 per cent Bombay Port Trust	1923	104 12
4 per cent " "	1939	105 0
4 per cent " "	1932	105 0
4 per cent " "	1904	105 0
4 per cent Bombay Municipal	1934	104 12
4 per cent "	1943	104 12
5 per cent " "	Taxes	115-117
5 per cent " "	Sanitary	115-116
4 per cent Bd. Impt. Trust	1939	103 12
4 per cent " "	1964	103 12

BULLION.

The silver market is very firm for the settlement of the 26th inst. as supplies are all in the hands of one big dealer who has formed a corner. For the settlement of the 24th February the market is quiet and a fair amount has been sold by the Banks. We hear of little business passing in gold.

	Rs. a. p.
English Bar Gold	23 15 6
Australian Bar Gold	24 0 0
Bombay do.	24 0 0
English Shield Sovereigns	15 1 9
Do Dragons	15 0 0
Silver ex-duty Ready	71 10 0
Do. 1st settlement	71 3 0
Do 2nd do	70 8 0

PIECE-GOODS.

The market continues exceedingly quiet, there being practically no demand for any style, and no enquiry whatever for forward delivery. Prices are for the most part unchanged but nominal only.

LOCAL YARNS.

Shanghai telegraphs 40,000 bales unsold, 25,000 bales uncleared, and weekly sales 4,000 bales. Hongkong telegraphs 35,000 bales unsold, 3,000 bales uncleared, and weekly sales 1,000 bales.

The sales in Bombay are estimated at about 12,000 bales for the week, and the tone of the market is quiet but steady.

METALS.

The copper and yellow metal market is steady, but local prices remain far below home equivalents and no forward business is reported. In iron and steel the markets here as well as at home have an advancing tendency. Business is passing in steel sheets and bars. Stocks of G. C. sheets and hoops are heavy and demand is very slack. Spelter has advanced but no business is reported. Pigiead and quicksilver are quiet

COALS.

Market steady. Sales are reported of Raneegunge Topsoi forward at Rs. 9-4 and of Seebpore at Rs. 11-4. In English Coals first hand sellers, because of the miners' strike in Germany, are asking higher prices.

SHARES.

The market is firm and Mill shares are rapidly improving in prices. Bank of Bombay shares have improved to Rs. 1,285 X. D. Commercials are reported to have changed hands at Rs. 36. National Bank of India Limited shares have changed hands at Rs. 450. In mill shares Manokji Petits have ruled at and about Rs.

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THE steamer Vassiefs Georgios, 2046 tons, Captain P Cambanis, sailed yesterday for Marseilles, with a general cargo.

THE Wilson Line steamer Tokio, 2481 tons, Captain G H Jones, will sail to-day for Hull via Karachi, with a general cargo.

THE B I S N Co's steamer Sirdhana, 3073 tons, Captain K R Hotchinson, sailed yesterday for Persian Gulf via Karachi with a general cargo and 12 deck passengers.

THE B I S N Co's steamer Kapurthala, 730 tons, Captain E Y Watson, sailed yesterday for Persian Gulf via Karachi and K coast ports, with a general cargo and passengers.

THE Hall Line steamer Branksome Hall, 2321 tons, Captain H Hood, arrived in harbour on Thursday evening from Newport 13th December, with a general cargo.

THE German East Africa Line steamer Bundesrath, 1319 tons, Captain J Ahrens, arrived in harbour yesterday from Durban via Zanzibar &c, with a general cargo, 4 cabin and 271 deck passengers.

MEN-OF-WAR AND ROYAL INDIAN MARINE SHIPS.

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H M S Perseus.....Comdr.....H R Hill.....Royal Navy
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VESSELS IN THE HARBOUR.—JAN. 20.

Vessel.	Ton.	Capt.	Destination.	Date.	Agent.
Jelunga	3361	Windeoank	Calcutta		M M & Co
Ilala	3201	Fortes			M M & Co
Eden (tug)	414	Soutou			The Captain
Baron Inverclade	2130	Crackoll			W & A Graham & Co
Lansdowne	1767	Farquharson			M M & Co
Kola	498	McDiarmid			M Mackinzie & Co
Nubia	5014	Tillard	China		P & O Co
Kasara	505	Cinquefel			M M & Co
James Brand	535	Ponance			W & A G & Co
St Regulus	599	Berg			A A Montreuoff
Adatepa	2443	Beatio	Bombay		Bombay & Co
Caledonia	2529	Tocque			P & O Co
Den of Airlie		Cumming			K N & Co
Novara	1949	Hick			M M & Co
Madura	1273	Cutsum			M M & Co
Monsoori	1725	Hannah	Ports		B & P S N Co
Elax	2612	Baker	Aros Bay		W & A Graham & Co
Flaming	2150		Dickley		C Bros & Co
Egypt	4178	Leadon			P & O Co
Imperator	3259	Morgan			A L L N Co

VESSELS IN DOCKS.

PRINCE'S DOCK.

A Tokio ....2481 Jones.....Hull...21-1 Via Karachi F Muir & Co
B Knowsley Hall ...2790 .... Burk...Karachi.....25-1 K Nixon
C Ocean Monarch...2789 Murray.....Kobe.....28-1 W & A Graham & Co
D&E Bundesrath....1377 Ahrens...Zanzibar...21 German Line
F Clan Mackinnon...3249 Jones...Antwerp...22-1 F Muir & Co
G Huntsman 1340.....Maclean.....M M & Co
K Clan Macleod...3041 Cook.....Antwerp.....24 F Muir & Co
M Dumbarton....2249 Rettie.....Kobe.....31-1 T M & Co
N Brariola.....2179 Faulkner.....Mar.....24-1 H A Willis
O Monsoori.....1725 Hannah...B ssa ports...21 B & P S N Co
P Beethoven...2412 Hocker.....Dunkirk.....31-1 J M & Co
Q Ethelbida.....1874 Trowsdale.....25-1 K Nixon & Co

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VICTORIA DOCK.

Shed.	Vessel.	Ton.	Capt.	Destinations.	Date.	Agent.
1	Scindia	3253	Abrey	Liverpool	6-1	W & A G & Co
3	Bengal	2751	Phillips	Dundee	25-1	P & O Co.
4	Brankome Hall	2321	Hood	K'obi	27-1	K Nixon & Co
5	Imaum	2705	Penberthy	Antwerp	21-1	K N & Co
6	Oriental	3765	Spicer	London	31-1	P & O Co
7	Rutherland	2177	Wallace	Antwerp	22-1	T Morrison
9	Kt of the Thistle	1388	Baker	Genoa	28-1	K N & Co
10&11	Maron	1451	Kellway	Antwerp	31-1	K Nixon & Co
12	Feldmarschall	3057	Cooke	China	21-1	P & O Co
14	Springwell	1913	Chisnolm	Antwerp	29-1	M M & Co
15	Clan Leslie	2491	Oliver	London	4-2	F Muir & Co
16	Roker	2462	Wilson	Liverpool	28-1	K Nixon & Co

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ARRIVALS.

Jan.	From.	Commander.	Vessel.
19	Branksome Hall s..	Hood	Newport Dec 13
20	Bunderath s.....	Ahrens	Durban Dec 24
	Egypt s	London	London Dec 30
	Imperator s.....	Moses	Trieste Dec 29

DEPARTURES.

Jan.	Vessel.	Commander.	Destination.
20	Castello s.....	Leighton	Hull
	Linnea s.....	Rothwell	P Gulf via Karchi
	H I s Investigator.....	Heming	Paman Pass
	Sirdhana s.....	Rogman	Calcutta, &c
	Umta s	Lee	Rangoon
	YassiefsGeorgios s	Cambanis	Marseilles

The steamer Tokio, Capt Jones, obtained her portclearance yesterday for Hull.

The following vessels entered for loading yesterday:—
Steamer Elax, for Aros Bay
" Bunderath, for Zanzibar, &c.

MADRAS.

ARRIVALS.

Jan.	Vessel.	From
13	Clan Robertson.....	Coast
14	Umkuzi.....	Calcutta
15	Nelsenfels	Middlesbro'

(REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.)

STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The Clan Line steamer Clan Mackay arrived at Suez from Colombo, Madras and Calcutta on the evening of the 18th instant.

SUEZ, JAN. 19.

The P and O Co's steamer Oceana with the outward Mails of the 13th instant left here at 3 p.m. to-day (Thursday).
The P and O Co's steamer Tientsin (Extra) left Singapore for Colombo on the afternoon of the 19th instant.
The Austrian Lloyd's steamer Gisela, from Japan, left Colombo for Bombay on the evening of the 19th instant and is due here on the 23rd instant in the morning.

DIVINE SERVICE.

ST. THOMAS' CATHEDRAL.

III SUNDAY, AFTER EPIPHANY 22, JANUARY 1905.

7-0 a.m.—Matins.
8 a.m.—Holy Communion—Choral. Williams in C.
Hymns—217, 323, 318 and 551.
5 p.m.—Children's Service.
6 p. m.—Evensong and Sermon.
Canticles—Standford in B flat.
Anthem—
Hymns—80, 20 and 81.
Collections for—Umarkhadi Mission.
Daily Matins at 6-45 a.m. and Evensong at 5.
Daily Holy Communion at 7-15 a.m.
9 p.m.—Tuesday 24th Choral Evensong
7-15 a.m.—Wednesday 25th Choral Holy Communion

ST. PETAR'S MAZAGON.

6 a.m.—Holy Eucharist.
7 a.m.—Holy Eucharist Choral.
10 a.m.—Catechism.
10-45 a.m.—Matins.
6 p.m.—Evensong Choral—Preacher Rev Father Biscoe.
Alms for Choir and Organ.

THE UNITED FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, (Waudby Road.)

8 a.m.—Sunday School.
11 a.m.—United Service (St. Andrew's Church.)
4-30 p.m.—Fellowship Association.
6 p.m.—Evening Service—Rev Alex S. Crichton,
Hymns—22, 41 and 335.
Psalm—102 (2nd version.)

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, (Church of Scotland.)

11 a.m.—Joint Morning Service,
4-30 a.—Sunday School.
6 p.m.—Evening Service,
Psalm—24 Tune 46,
Hymn—9a.
Hymn—303.
Hymn—288,

BAPTIST CHURCH.
(Bellasis Road, opposite Byculla Club.)

8-30 a.m.—Morning Service—Preacher Rev J O'Brien.
6 p.m.—Evening Service—Preacher Rev J O'Brien.

MISSION CHURCH, GIRGAUM.

7-45 a.m.—Morning Prayer—Holy Communion and Sermon.
6 p.m.—Evening Prayer and Sermon.
Collections for the Church expenses and Poor.

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH.

7-30 a.m.—Matins.
8 a.m.—Holy Communion,
Hymns—190, 315 and 181.
5 p.m.—Children's Service.
6 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon,
Hymn—187, 218 and 215.
Offertory for Church Expenses

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, MALABAR HILL.

7-30 a.m.—Matins.
8 a.m.—Holy Communion.
6 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon.

ST. STEPHEN CHURCH BANDRA.

11-15 a. m.—Matins Sermon and Holy Communion.

ST. NICHOLAS' SEAMEN'S CHURCH, (Opposite the Main Gate of Prince's Dock.)

6-30 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon.

CHRIST CHURCH, BYCULLA.

7-30 a. m.—Matins.
8 a. m.—Holy Communion—(Choral)
4-45 p m—Sunday School.
6 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon
Daily—8 a.m.—Matins,
Daily—5 p.m.—Evensong

CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, PAREL, (Madras Time)

8 a. m.—Celebration of the Holy Eucharist,
8-30 a. m.—Matins.
Hymns—236, and 175.
5-30 p. m.—Sunday School.
6-30 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon
Hymns—557, 340 and 256.

WESLEYAN CHURCH, (Colaba Causeway.)

8 a.m.—Parade Service Preacher—Rev. W. W Thomas of Mhow
6 p.m.—Evening Service, Preacher—Rev. E W Martin Chairman of the Bombay and Punjab District,
7 p.m.—Sacrament of the Lord's supper,
4-30 p.m.—Sunday School.
5-40 p.m.—Prayer Meeting.
5-30 to 9-30 p.m.—Social Hour—Rev T Harris of Ferozepore will speak,
(Wesleyan Church, Victoria Gardens, Byculla.
9-30 a.m.—Preacher—Rev J Sheaton of Lahore.
6 p.m.—Preacher—Rev. J H Bateson, General Secy to Royal As. Tennis Association,
4-30 p.m.—Sunday School

BOMBAY FIFTH EXTRA MEETING.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21,
TIME AND ORDER OF RUNNING,

1st Race—The Midget Plate—3-10 p.m.
2nd Race—The Adelaide Plate—3-40 p.m.
3rd Race—The Beginners Plate—4-10 p.m.
4th Race—The January Plate—4-40 p.m.
5th Race—The Veterans Plate—5-10 p.m.
6th Race—The Presidents Plate—5-35 p.m.

By kind permission of Lt-Col S J Sargent and the Officers of the G I P Railway Volunteers their Band will play during the afternoon.

A SPECIAL TRAIN LEAVES.

Colaba	3-30 p.m.	Local Times.
Cumballa Hill	3-40 p.m.	
Grant Road	3-50 p.m.	
Sandhurst Road	4-0 p.m.	
Matunga	4-20 p.m.	

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The Bombay Gazette

SATURDAY, JAN. 21, 1905

LONDON TRANSFORMATIONS.

GREAT alterations have been undertaken in many of the chief cities of the world to beautify them or to ameliorate the condition of the dwellers therein. Perhaps, at the present moment more is being done to London than to any other capital. Some people will say that it stood most in need of improvement, and they are very probably right, for it grew so fast, and extended itself so far, that the ideas of slow-going councils and municipalities did not keep pace with the activities of builders. In other towns the great boulevards and spaces were not left to design themselves; architects and house-builders had to conform to plans artistically conceived and rigorously enforced. Now London leaders have been roused to the imperative and imperial necessity of having the leading streets, places and the parks within its precincts worthy of the metropolis of the world. An article in the current "Century," by Mr. Randall Blackshaw, gives a vivid description of 'London in Transformation," focussing in close line all the enormous changes that have recently been made, those in progress, and those that will be carried out in the near future. The writer generously admits that London is being rebuilt as rapidly as New York, although as it is so much larger the work is not so obvious. We may be thankful to know that the sky-scraper has not yet really invaded its streets, although Queen Anne's Mansions have manifested a fourteen-story ambition in that direction. The radical changes for future development include improvement of the water-supply, of the port, new docks, lowering the crown of Southwark Bridge, creation of a wide avenue that will reach from the Thames Embankment to Hampstead Heath, the planting of appropriate trees in the great streets, new theatres of true architectural beauty, the Victoria Memorial, archways, the widening of Piccadilly, a new Criminal Court, a school for teaching the applied sciences, homes for forty-two thousand five hundred working people, a new town at Chiswick, statues and groups of statuary, new clubs, new play-grounds for the public, in fact every sort of civic contrivance that can conduce to health, beauty and to comfort. The cost of all this runs into many millions, over and above the gigantic works now in progress. If the London Metropolitan Water Board buys out the great water companies, the cost will be little short of fifty millions sterling, and even then it would perhaps have to go farther for an unlimited supply of water. The contemplated widening and deepening of the Thames is estimated to cost about two and a half millions sterling. The new docks, which fortunately are only recommended, would absorb four and a half millions.

The County Council may not be the complete embodiment of wisdom, but it certainly has initiated many marked improvements in London. To it are due the Blackwall Tunnel, the steel structure which will do duty for the historical Vauxhall Bridge, and best of all the widening of streets and the demolition of slums. The Strand would defy recognition were Dr. Samuel Johnson or Mr. Pepys to return to it. This, the crescent connected with it and the wide avenue above referred to constitute an undertaking that only a fearless body with plenary powers and great ideas could have inaugurated. The cost will be enormous, about five millions, but the sale of leases on the ground thus enhanced in value should recoup much of that expenditure and save the tax-payer. The Council ruthlessly breaks a way through deadly districts that may not be so picturesquely bad as in the storied seventeeth and eighteenth centuries, but are sordid, low and insanitary to a degree. Nothing has proved an insuperable obstacle to the L. C. C., not even an electric lighting company, for destroying whose premises it had to pay two hundred thousand pounds. Under the fine avenue thus engineered a subway will be constructed to carry pipes, wires and an electric tramway. By the time all the proposed improvements are completed, it is calculated that there will be running underneath London over one hundred miles of railways, electric chiefly. The L. C. C. does not let itself be turned aside by undue sentimentality towards relics of the past, however picturesque. It leaves churches standing however, such as St. Clement Dane's and another in the Strand, but modern life is brought up to their gables and doors in a way that would very likely have shocked their founders and may eventually try their foundations. Eight architectural experts submitted plans for the buildings on the new Strand sites, and the Gaiety Theatre and restaurant is the first result. The corners facing this will support equally fine structures. Buckingham Palace, which now stands in somewhat dreary and ineffective state, will have a large crescent-shaped garden fronting it, with Brock's Memorial of Queen Victoria in a prominent position and many other interesting details introduced everywhere. Plane trees will be planted down the promenades to be created in the Mall, and groups of statuary symbolical of Western life will be features of the immediate neighbourhood of Marlborough Gate, other groups suggestive of the East being placed further on. The Mall is to end at Charing Cross in a great public building in which will be a central archway of fine design, a fit setting for future national processions in their march through London. Avenues of trees, in striking and direct line, affording long vistas, will eventually delight the eyes of the citizens.

The old order changeth, not only in the method of warfare but even the old War Office disappears, and a new building, housing, we must hope, a more efficient body of men, takes its place next year in Whitehall. The following year sees the new Government Offices ready for occupation. The administration measures incubated in this pile should be highly developed, for there is no attempt to cramp the officials; four stories on a space nearly three hundred feet wide and long, with a prospect of extending in depth to seven hundred feet, give ample room for the highest flights of statesmanship. The new Admiralty Office, which will be completed in June 1906, is still screened from view by the old offices. The cost of all these, besides the value of the sites, will be about two and a quarter millions. Schools and churches have been multiplied, though some of the more ancient of the former have been sent to purer air, such as Christ's Hospital, Charter House, St. Paul's School. These have all gone out as far into the country as they could, and have either leased or sold their old sites with advantage to their funds. The British Museum, that most staid of monuments, is to add a new block of buildings to its solid extent. The housing of the poor has gone on apace. The L. C. C in twelve years built four thousand tenements in which twenty thousand people can find decent homes. It has still on its mind seventy-eight thousand for whom it means to provide homes, and is at this work now. Wood-Green, a suburb, is to accommodate over forty-two thousand of these when the land there taken up for the purpose—two hundred and twenty-five acres—is built upon. The Ecclesiastical Commissioners are following this admirable example in Lambeth. When electric traction is in full swing in and around London, schemes for housing the people outside the busy city will become more practical and popular. There is really no end to the benevolent, artistic or hygienic designs for the betterment of the huge busy hive of London. Hospitals are enlarged, churches are built or restored, railway stations even are being beautified, gloomy office-buildings are giving way to handsome architectural edifices, gas to electric light, the ancient to the modern. There are many who will regret that the old landmarks have passed away, for the hand of time is often gentler than that of the restorer. Westminster Abbey might have been left to silently protect its precincts, but the educational authorities have romped in and destroyed a block of old buildings to make way for modern class-rooms, and a great part of a wall, said to have been built at the hallowed instance of St. Dunstan, was tumbled down by no less irreverent a body than the Ecclesiastical Commissioners to give more space for their new offices. Old memories are fast going by the board, be it L. C. C. or other. Our posterity will not know where to look for the spots long made venerable by classic allusion. They will not be slowly covered up like Ancient Rome by accretions of soil, but displaced by flourishing brand-new buildings in the best style of British architecture. Still, most of the undertakings we have enumerated are distinct improvements. There was less of the picturesque for its size in London than in many smaller cities; it loses little by the new measures and gains much. It is earnestly to be hoped that architectural genius may preside over the choice of designs for all the new constructions which are honestly meant to add to the glory of the Metropolis, not only of Great Britain, but of the World.

AMERICA AND SHIPPING SUBSIDIES.

THE new mail papers give fuller information than was conveyed by Reuter concerning the proposed subventions to American shipping. The proposals of the Joint Committee of Congress provide not only for mail subsidies, but for an increase of the tonnage tax on vessels from foreign ports and for the creation of a Naval Volunteer Service. To British Shipowners the point of greatest importance is the proposed increase in the tonnage tax. It is estimated that in the first year the Committee's recommendations, if adopted, will involve an expenditure of 3,060,605 dollars in subventions to American vessels and retainers to Naval Volunteers. This will be met by a revenue of 3,025,529 dols. from the increased tonnage tax, so that British vessels will largely contribute to the subsidising of American shipping. Under the existing regulations all tonnage entering American ports pay a tax of six cents a ton, but this tax is paid only on the first six entries in the year. Thus if vessels enter the ports more than six times they are not required to pay any further tax. The new recommendations propose to raise the tax to sixteen cents on all vessels coming from a foreign port, leaving it at six cents for ships coming from ports in North and South America. At the same time the vessels will be taxed on every entry, a matter which is of much importance to Atlantic liners. So far as can be seen it is intended that the increased tax shall apply to all vessels coming from foreign ports, whether owned abroad or in America, and equally the exception designed to encourage trade between the United States and other parts of the American Continent applies to all ships irrespective of ownership. The American Consul-General in London has pointed out that the proposals cannot be dealt with by the present Congress, and therefore it will be some time before practical effect can be given to them. He, however, believes it necessary that something should be done to develop a carrying trade in American bottoms between the United States and the Far East and Central and South America. The example of the Philippines trade illustrates the necessities of the case. Formerly carried largely in British ships, the commerce between the United States and the Philippines is now regarded as a coastwise trade which can only be carried by American vessels. It is necessary to provide steamers for this trade, and subventions are required to make them pay. The freight and passenger traffic between the United States and South America also leaves much room for development. At present Americans find it easier to go from New York to outh America via London than to proceed direct. The Isthmian Canal will be one means of developing the trade between the South and the United States, but the mercantile marine must also be created to carry the trade. Ten new steamship lines are contemplated for South America and the Pacific, and the requisite vessels will take three years to build. There are other points of considerable interest in the Committee's recommendations. It is proposed that one-sixth of the crews on all vessels under the Stars and Stripes should be Americans, and vessels which carry suitably trained American boys will receive an allowance of 80 per cent of the tonnage dues payable on each voyage. Moreover, repairs to American ships, except those which have to be effected in emergency, are to be made in the United States. America is determined to build up a merchant marine as well as to increase her naval strength, and there is little doubt that the proposals of the Joint Committee of both Houses of Congress will eventually be accepted.

SCOTTISH HORRORS.

BRITHER SCOTS beneath a tropical sky will burn with righteous indignation at the statements of a lynx-eyed correspondent of the "Petit Journal" of Paris. This individual, whoever he may be, has gone among them taking notes, and, faith, he has printed them. He is even a more observant man than Captain Grose, and his peregrinations have proved more profitable. He tells of the discovery of a whole tribe of troglodytes, who live in caves on the coast of "Ayrishire." These people are in a most primitive stage of civilisation: some live by begging, others endeavour to cultivate potatoes in the vicinity of their caverns. All of them unite in being the terror of the peaceable inhabitants of the county, for when these "primitives" manage to become possessed of a barrel of alcohol or brandy, "they deliver themselves to orgies, after which all their brutal instincts unchain themselves." The police, it seems, are powerless, as there is no law to prevent people living in caverns. The Council General of the county is at its wits' end. But peering into the present is not enough. To be wise we must study the antiquary times. In the long ago in Galloway the coast caverns were inhabited by cannibals to whom "a barrel of alcohol" would have been mere child's play. The said cannibals were descended from a ruffian named Sawney Beane, concerning whom Mr. Crockett has written a story. When they were suppressed they numbered between forty and fifty men and women. They used to sally out against solitary travellers, whose bodies they dried for food. They lived in this way for many years, until the district near their caves, small wonder, had an evil name throughout the country. At last one who had escaped their clutches

THE MAINE.

THE American battleship Maine, whose unfortunate accident, attributed to Spanish treachery, led to the war, is to be raised from Havana harbour. Whether as the result of qualms of conscience or a desire to keep inquisitive American subjects from further investigating into the internal explosion theory, the States Government has relinquished all claims to the wreck, and it is now the property of Cuba, whose apathetic subjects will pursue no profitless enquiries. The salvage will fetch a little money towards the reduction of taxation. According to divers who have examined the sunken ship, her steel and iron have not been seriously corroded, for a fine green weed, "like hair," has spread all over her and protects her from the action of the water. About one-third of the ship, the forward third, was shattered by the explosion which sunk her. The remainder was scarcely damaged. The salvage company which will raise the wreck will commence by clearing from her all arms, coal and machinery. The brass, bronze, and copper articles on board her will be made into curios and sold (with a wise provision, certificates of their genuineness) to collectors. Photographers are already offering large sums for the right to photograph the wreck as the water is being pumped out of her. If she can be raised she will be shown as one of the sights of Cuba, and perhaps she may, if the deterioration be not too great, be tinkered up and towed to the United States, where no doubt she will prove a veritable gold-mine. She is to be raised by the 'cofferdam system." The wreck lies on singularly soft mud in a depth of some six fathoms. When fitted for the sea she represented the sum of five million dollars. Her machinery alone cost about £160,000, while her amidship armour of "12in Harveyised steel" was worth £100 a ton. But she will never be a fighting-ship again.

THE Royal Indian Marine surveying steamer Investigator, Captain T. H. Heming, R. N., sailed yesterday for Paman Pass.

IT is expected that the permanent Railway bridge over the Ganges at Phaphamau on the Allahabad-Fyzabad line will be ready for traffic by June. Through trains can then be quickened up.

AMONG the passengers who arrived in Bombay yesterday by the P and O. Co's steamer Egypt from Europe were Sir Martin Acquin, the Hon. Miss P. Bruce, Lady Taylour, Prince M. A. Hassan, and Nawab Hamid Yar Jung.

WE are informed that the "At Home," which was to be given this evening by Mr. Tribhuvandas M. Nathoobhoy in connection with the B. B. R. A. S. Centenary celebration, has been indefinitely postponed owing to Mr. Tribhuvandas' sudden illness.

A VERY bold irrigation project is now under consideration. The project is to drive a tunnel through the Malakand and tap the Swat River near Chakdarrah. The water thus provided would irrigate a large area at present not protected by the Lower Swat River Canal.

WE regret to learn of the death of Mr. Charles J. Fleming, K. C., formerly M. P. for Doncaster, and at one time Chief Assistant to the Accountant-General of Bombay. Mr. Fleming was the compiler of a digest of rules for the Civil Service of this Presidency. On leaving India he entered as a student of Gray's Inn and was called to the Bar in June 1872. He was made a Bencher of Gray's Inn and a Q. C. in 1893. A Liberal in politics, and strongly in favour of Mr. Gladstone's domestic policy, Mr. Fleming stood as Liberal candidate for Pontefract in 1886, but was unsuccessful. At the General Election of 1892 Mr. Fleming was returned for the Doncaster Division, but did not offer himself for re-election in 1895.

A REUTER telegram from Berlin reports that the "Lokalanzeiger" states that an English nurse employed by the Imperial family has been sent across the frontier from Russia on suspicion of being a spy.

MR. ROOSEVELT has most kindly stated that he is perfectly willing to mediate between Russia and Japan. To make this thing complete, remarks the "Globe" aptly, it only remains now for some one to ask him.

THE written excuse for the theft of 500fr. from a Paris shopkeeper by his clerk ran: "Enraptured by the way they sing Wagner at the Opera I start for Bayreuth to-night in order to witness a fine interpretation of the master's works."

A VIRAJENDRAPETE (South Coorg) correspondent writes:—"An imposing ceremony took place here on the 14th instant, when the foundation stone of the group of buildings connected with the new hospital was laid by Colonel Bain, I. M. S., Chief Medical Officer of the Provinces. The buildings, nine in number, are expected to cost, when complete, Rs. 80,000."

A "CORRIERE DELLA SERA" telegram from Fusan, according to the "Central News," says that the Japanese troops celebrated Christmas in honour of the foreigners accompanying the Army. In the evening Marshal Oyama gave a sumptuous dinner to the foreign officers and correspondents. The festivities were kept up all night to the accompaniment of the sound of artillery firing.

THE "Jewish Chronicle" announces the death at Padua of Chief Rabbi Professor Eade Lolli, one of the ornaments of the Italian Rabbinate. The deceased was born at Gorz (Austria) in 1826, and obtained the diploma of Rabbi half a century ago. He had been Chief Rabbi of Padua since 1869 and from 1886 he was Professor of Hebrew and Aramatic at the Royal University of that city, which was closed as a sign of mourning when his death was made known.

AUTOMOBILISM has at last added to the more sombre side of its history by producing a serious duel. The principals were Signor Bordini, a prominent automobilist of Milan, and Signor Menecatti, an equally prominent Milanese business man. The two entered into a discussion on automobilism, and developed such mutual passion that nothing but sabres could allay it. Meaning "business," they proceeded to Chiasso, in Switzerland. At the sixth round, M. Menecatti was laid low with a very serious gash in the neck.

A PECULIAR case came under the notice of the Aberdeenshire authorities the other day. At a farm in the King Edward district a cow died of what was supposed to be anthrax. The matter was reported to the police, and the veterinary surgeon was sent to make a "post mortem" examination of the carcase. It was then discovered that the animal had not suffered from anthrax at all, but that its death had been caused by a fish-hook which was found in its heart. It is supposed that the cow had swallowed the hook while grazing by a burnside.

MADAME PATTI, after she had sung at the concert in St. Petersburg in aid of the Grand Duchess Marie Pavlovna's hospital train, was called into the salon at the back of the Imperial box to be received by the Dowager Empress Marie. Both the Empress and the queen of song were overcome by mutual emotion, and fell into each other's arms and wept. Count Grabbe, aide-de-camp to the Grand Duke Vladimir, subsequently presented Madame Patti with a crown of gold on a blue velvet cushion, the gift of the Grand Duke and Grand Duchess Vladimir.

BULGARIA, despite the apparently less menacing aspect of the situation in the Balkans, relaxes nothing in the lavishing of expenditure on armaments. Not many months ago the Sobranjee voted £1,750,000 for re-arming the entire artillery with quick-firing guns. Now powerful forts are being erected on the Black Sea quadrilateral, and a commission of military officers is at work upon plans for a chain of great forts around

TSAR'S ESCAPE.

WINTER PALACE BOMBARDED.

A SALUTE WITH SHRAPNEL.

ARTILLERYMEN ARRESTED.

THE NORTH SEA INQUIRY.

POWERS AND CHINA'S INTEGRITY.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, JAN. 19.

An official statement issued at St. Petersburg says that during the firing of the usual salute at the blessing of the Neva, a gun in one of the batteries near the Bourse fired a shrapnel instead of a blank charge.

Four windows of the Winter Palace were broken. The Tsar was at some distance from the Palace.

LONDON, JAN. 20.

It is now stated in official circles at St. Petersburg that a shrapnel shell was inadvertently left in a gun of the Horse Artillery battery, the most aristocratic corps in Russia, after practice on Tuesday.

The ceremony was carried out according to the programme.

The occurrence has occasioned wild rumours that the affair was the outcome of a military plot.

The men of the saluting battery have been arrested.

The public sitting of the North Sea Inquiry Commission in Paris has commenced.

The British and Russian cases have been read.

The British and Russian statements made before the enquiry commission have aroused but little interest.

The Russian statement is especially disappointing and mentioned no new facts. It is asserted that Admiral Rozhdestvensky did his duty in securing the safety of his fleet.

Russia, replying to the note issued by Mr. Secretary Hay, reiterates her complaints regarding China's violation of neutrality.

Mr. Secretary Hay has circularised the Powers on the subject of China's integrity after the war and has received satisfactory assurances.

THE RUSSIAN STRIKES.

Industrial Demands Rejected.

LONDON, JAN. 20.

The strike movement in Russia continues to spread.

A meeting of employers held at St. Petersburg uncompromisingly rejected the men's demands.

LATER.

Bands of strikers of about 5,000 men are parading at St. Petersburg enforcing a general strike even at the Government printing works.

A petition to the Tsar is being circulated at the workmen's meeting, which complains of their desperate condition and deprivation of human rights and concludes it would be compassionate to let us live, under present conditions we prefer to die.

The Tsar has departed for Tsarkoeselo.

MR. BRODRICK ON DISSOLUTION.

Mr. Brodrick, speaking at Shalford, said he was glad to hear of dissolution rumours, because it would strengthen the Government, which last year profited by similar rumours.

THE UNDER-SECRETARY FOR INDIA.

The statement that the Marquis of Bath had been appointed Under-Secretary for India is confirmed.

THE NIZAM'S FINANCIAL ADVISER.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, JAN. 20.

Mr. Casson Walker, Financial Adviser to H. H. the Nizam, goes home on leave this spring prior to reverting to the Punjab.

RETIRING RESIDENTS.

Sir David Barr and Sir A. Martindale leave India in March.

ILLNESS OF MR. BURTALL.

Mr. Burtall, Official Reporter on Economic Products, is down with enteric fever at Hyderabad.

A NEW FLOUR MILLING COMPANY.

Another big flour mill was floated yesterday by Messrs. Andrew Yule and Co. It will be known as the Fort William Flour Mills Company and will be located at Howrah.

THE INTERNATIONAL POSTAL CONFERENCE.

Two officers of the Indian Postal Department will attend the forthcoming International Postal Conference at Rome.

THE ROLT CASE.

AN INQUIRY COMMISSION.

The Bengal Government have appointed two senior civilians in Calcutta, Messrs. Richardson and Cumming, to investigate the Rolt case. Mr. Morison, barrister, is watching the proceedings on behalf of Mr. Rolt.

PLAGUE IN INDIA.

There were no less than 25,719 plague deaths in India last week, of which the United Provinces had 11,777, the Punjab 5,569, Bengal 3,316 and the Bombay Presidency 2,886.

THE SESAMUM CROPS.

The final official memorandum upon the past season's sesamum crops published to-day shows that the yield so far as reported is less than half that of the last season, but Bengal returns are not included in this, as they had not been sent in when the report was issued.

AMALGAMATION OF THE POST OFFICE AND THE TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT.

The small Departmental Committee appointed to consider the question of the amalgamation of the Post Office and the Telegraph Department commenced its sittings here under Mr. Hewett very shortly.

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ETHERGRAMS IN THE ANDAMANS.

SUCCESS OF WIRELESS MESSAGES.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, JAN. 20.

Wireless messages are now being got through by one operation all the way from Port Blair to Diamond Island direct, but the communication is intermittent, the distance being over 300 miles and land intervening between the two stations. The present difficulty will no doubt be got over by means of the more powerful apparatus which is being sent down to the Andaman Islands by the Telegraph Department. The wireless communication between Slipper Island and Diamond Island across 150 miles of open sea continues excellent and may now be looked upon as satisfactorily established.

THE DEATH OF THE BRAHMO-PATRIARCH.

A REMARKABLE DEMONSTRATION.

GREAT GATHERING AT THE OBSEQUIES.

The ceremony of the cremation of the body of Maharshi Devendra Nath Tagore was the occasion of one of the biggest gatherings on record at an event of the kind. The death only took place in the afternoon, yet by six o'clock the members of the Brahmo community had carried the news of it to all parts of the city. Merchants closed their shops and a vast multitude gathered at Nimtolla Burning Ghat, the carriages extending for a mile on either side and the congregation of those on foot being almost unprecedented for size. The body was burnt on a sandalwood pile close to the river.

The deceased, who was nearly ninety years old, was the teacher and friend of the late Keshub Chunder Sen. The "Statesman" describes him as the Patriarch of the Brahmo Samaj and the most illustrious member of the Bengali race, and adds that his death removes the last representative of the great age of social and religious reform in Bengal as well as the one man in modern India, who, while departing widely from the faith and practice of orthodox Hinduism, has been recognised and acclaimed as both saint and sage by all sections of the community.

IRRIGATION IN THE PUNJAB.

BEGINNING THE NEW PROJECT.

A HUGE SCHEME.

Instructions have been issued for work to begin at once upon the great Irrigation scheme for the Punjab which has just been sanctioned by the Secretary of State. The preliminaries to settle the exact alignments of the main channel will take some little time, but this once done the Punjab Government will be provided with funds to push on the work as quickly as the labour supply available allows. To enable so vast a matter to be grappled with effectively it will most probably be necessary to create two new Superintending Engineer circles with the usual complement of officers to supervise the operations, but this is a matter which will be considered by the local Government at Lahore.

It is understood that Sir Charles Rivaz hopes to be able to get the whole undertaking completed in about nine years, the expenditure for several seasons to be at the rate of 15 lakhs annually. No difficulty will be made by the Government of India in regard to the provision of this money, and progress will be limited only by the possibility of economic engineering.

The Upper Jhelum and Upper Chenab canals will be taken in hand first. The Lower Bari Doab Canal will come last, as the work on it is easier and it depends for its water-supply upon the other two.

The total cost is estimated at three crores for each of the Upper Jhelum and Chenab Schemes and one and three-quarter crores for the Lower Bari Doab scheme.

The total area to be annually irrigated by means of these canals is some two million acres, which it is estimated will give an annual return of close upon 10 per cent. on the capital outlay. The project, therefore, will be exceedingly profitable. It will also be very important, as it ensures protection from famine to an immense area now liable to this scourge, besides opening up to cultivation a large region which is at present sterile. The scheme for converting the Walar Lake, Kashmir, into a reservoir to feed these canals does not form part of the project actually sanctioned. It can be taken in hand, however, at any time hereafter as an addition, its estimated cost being only forty-nine lakhs. Its principal use will be to increase the supply of water available for irrigating the cold weather crops, which are especially important in Punjab. Mr. Preston, Head of the Irrigation Department, will most probably proceed to Punjab in March or April next, by which time the main alignment should be ready for inspection.

GAZETTE OF INDIA NOTIFICATIONS.

CALCUTTA, JAN. 20.

HOME DEPARTMENT.

Captain T. Gilbert, I.M.S., is permanently posted to Burma.

The Reverend J. Shannon is appointed Chaplain on probation on the Lahore Establishment.

The Reverend W. P. Shaw is promoted to senior rank

REVENUE AND AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT.

Mr. J. Patterson, of the Muir College, Allahabad, is appointed Deputy Meteorologist to the Government of India.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

It is notified that in future no officer will be promoted to the rank of General by seniority until he has served three years as a Lieutenant-General.

Indian Medical Service—Lieutenant-Colonel H. K McKay is promoted to be Colonel, vice O'Brien retired.

Captain Brand resigns his commission in the G. I. P. Railway Volunteers.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT.

Mr. R. E. Arbuthnot, C. S., returns from leave to take up a temporary appointment in the Finance Department of the Government of India.

SEPOY RUN AMUCK.

POONA, JAN. 20.

At five o'clock this morning Sepoy Bhagwansing, B. Company, 107th Pioneers, who returned only last month to Kirkee from Somaliland, shot his comrade with his own rifle. Bhagwansing early in the morning carried his rifle from the armoury to attend the parade. Nathusing was lying asleep on the floor of his room. Bhagwansing, having armed himself, entered and shot him on the left side of the heart, the bullet passing through. The bullet was discovered on the ground. After wounding the sepoy, Bhagwansing placed two cartridges in his rifle and threw it over his victim and bolted and is still at large. The Cavalry and the police are searching. Both are boys of about 19 years of age. Nothing could be elicited as to the motive which actuated him to kill his comrade. Police enquiry is being conducted at the regimental orderly room. Nathusing has been wounded badly.

MILITARY INTELLIGENCE.

Major G. Gilbert, I. M. S., officiates as Staff Officer, Army Bearer Corps, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Brown granted leave.

Royal Engineers—Majors Murray, Heycock, Ashworth, Hickinson and Fraser, and Captains Bond, Gillespie and Barnadiston proceed home to the Military Engineering College, Chatham.

The Musketry Schools will assemble this year at Rawalpindi from February to March; at Pachmari from 10th February to 10th April; at Changla Gali, Pachmari and Deolali, May to June and August to October; at Bellary, July to August and October to November. There will also be one class at Maymyo.

ARRIVALS, JANUARY 18.

2nd-Lieut C H D LaTouche, R G A, from Aden.
2nd-Lieut W B Gray, R G A, from Aden.
2nd-Lieut H A Thewles, The Buffs, from Poona.
Colonel A C Bullward, R F A, from Allahabad.

DEPARTURES, JANUARY 18.

Lt-Colonel T A Orpen, R B, to Rawalpindi.
Capt A McMunn, R A M C, to Umballa.

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ENGLISH POLITICAL AND SOCIAL LETTER.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

LONDON, JAN. 6.

GENERAL STOESSEL'S SURRENDER.

Excepting the fall of Port Arthur after the protracted and heroic defence of its brave garrison there has been little to engage public attention this week. Still if there had been more going on, it would have been overshadowed by the memorable event which, though so long foretold, came rather sooner than it was expected, and it was not alone in St. Petersburg that the news was at first received with a certain amount of incredulity. Although practically the whole nation has sympathized ardently with the Japanese from the first, there has been no unseemly exaltation over the capture of the great fortress, and a Russian friend, who is intensely patriotic, only remarked to me yesterday how free from anything offensive to his country have been most of the comments in English newspapers. Indeed I rather think that more praise has been bestowed upon General Stoessel than upon General Nogi. Lord Roberts, for example, in replying to a telegram from the "Daily Chronicle" announcing the Japanese victory forgot all about the invaders in his enthusiasm for the defenders. "It has," he telegraphed, "been a magnificent defence. What a splendid fellow he is to be sure! How all the world must admire him." Viscount Wolseley, who was perhaps a little embarrassed by the alarm he expressed some years ago as to the Yellow Peril, sent the following answer:—"Many thanks for valuable information. Regret I must express no public opinion beyond praise of Stoessel's splendid defence, admiration of Russian courage, and indomitable pluck and determination of Japanese." "General Stoessel's is an honourable surrender after a splendid defence" was General Baden-Powell's message, and in these ten words the hero of Mafeking condenses the sentiments of the whole world on one of the greatest sieges recorded in history. Every allowance is made for the Russian General, but his admirers wish that in his telegram of Sunday to the Tsar the following words had been omitted:—"Great sovereign! Forgive! We have done all that was humanly possible. Judge us, but be merciful." "Great" sovereign indeed! Greatness has hitherto been conspicuously absent in the actions of this poor feeble creature, and if there are any persons to forgive they are not the noble fellows who have so long withstood the attacks of the over-victorious Japanese, but those whose mismanagement and worse have brought Russia to her present deplorable position. The incident of H. M. S. Andromeda's abortive mission is generally regretted here, but no one blames the Japanese. I see it inexplicable that the British Admiral should have decided to send to Port Arthur a shipload of supplies, medical appliances and comforts for the Russian sick and wounded without first telegraphing to Whitehall, or at all events ascertaining whether such aid would be acceptable to our Japanese friends. The ground on which our assistance was declined, namely, the danger of the Admeda being sunk by floating mines, is not accepted as anything more than a polite way of saying "we are quite capable of looking after our prisoners ourselves." There is another aspect of the matter which is very well put by Mr. H. W. Wilson in his letter to the "Daily Mail." It is, he says, "a great pity that the British Government did not show the same anxiety to help the Japanese wounded that it has displayed in the case of the Russians, who are not the British allies. Thousands of Japanese were wounded in the desperate assaults upon Port Arthur, yet no British cruiser carried medical stores to their aid; and the British public has only subscribed a trifling sum to the Japanese Red Cross Fund."

THE FREEZING OF THE TIBER AND THE FALL OF PORT ARTHUR.

On some curious question, which baffled those present, once arising at a luncheon party, a well known ex-Secretary of State for India observed: "If you can get the answer from no one else you will get it from Sir George Birdwood at the India Office." To which the gentleman who reported the remark added: "And if there is no answer to it he will still find one!" I repeat the anecdote in connection with the following extract from a letter by Sir George Birdwood replying to an enquiry addressed to him as to the cause and any records of the freezing over of the river Tiber. "I can," he writes, "recall from classical authors no express reference to the complete freezing over of the Tiber, and the condition of my health prevents my searching out any quotations on the subject. But of course the Romans were perfectly familiar with the phenomena of frost and snow and hail and ice, and not only on the Danube (Ister) and among the Alps, but at their very doors—in Etruria, Umbria, the Sabine country and Latium, all drained by the yellow Tiber. See Pliny, Varo, Columella, &c., under such words as gelu, gelatio, gelicidium, glacies, "prima," &c. The references and allusions to these phenomena in Virgil and Horace are innumerable: and Horace writes, Carmina I, 9, 1 "Mount Soracte stands wrapped white in snow, nor can the burdened trees any longer bear their weight of snow and the rivers are hard bound in bitter ice." That is as glacial a picture as could be seen anywhere north of the Alps and the Danube and implies the freezing over and over again of Tuscan Tiber. As to the cause of the present condition of the sacred river, so far as it may be regarded as a portent, and due to impulses transcending the ordinary laws of nature, knowing you to be a 'stalwart Japanizer' I will trace it to the Fall of Port Arthur which avenges Troy, and Marathon and Salamis and Granicus, Issus and Arbela to mention no later great dramatic humiliations of Asia. Rome still stands for the Capital of Europe, and all Christendom; and no other river of Europe has the renown of Father Tiber and at the sight of the Fall of Port Arthur and 25,000 Russian troops led off into captivity by these little Japanese, he, like Pompey after Pharsalia, may well stand still with frozen heart, astounded. Do not think it gives you greater ease on the north-west Frontier of India. The pressure there will at once become greater and steadily continue and increase until the white caps and the red coats fight out their controversy of centuries in one last decisive struggle for the empire of India. You will be fortunate if in addition you have not in future to provide a policy also for your North-East Frontier, vis-a-vis with "yellow faces." I don't think there is much to be said for the views on the Fall of Port Arthur which Sir George Birdwood in this casual way so graphically indicates. But it is impossible to overlook the fact that not only are the Japanese absolutely right in their quarrel with Russia, but that in it they are fighting for the cause of truth and justice, and human freedom all the world over. Moreover, they have from the first to the last so far conducted the war not only with the greatest science and the highest skill and with the finest pluck and almost superhuman courage, but in a magnanimous, Christian, chivalrous and considerate manner. They have shown themselves a pattern to the whole civilised world in the art of carrying on war as a powerful agent of human peace and progress. With this potent fact before us we might well be tempted to say that whatever the results for us, we can only thank Heaven for the success of the Japanese, and pray that their success may be ensured until the last Russian has disappeared beyond the Amur. Possibly Russia will then turn all her attention to seeking compensation in Turkey, Persia and Afghanistan. But it will be our own folly if she finds it anywhere in these countries, Germany and Austria will bar her on the Danube; and if we do not do so on the Euphrates, Germany will; and as to Persia and Afghanistan, if we convince the rulers of these countries that we shall be prepared to defend their independence at all costs, that we seek only their independence of Russia and have no desire to annex an acre of their territory provided we are allowed to defend them against Russia, many think that before two years have run out all danger of Russian advances toward India save by the peaceful penetration of commerce will have disappeared into the limbo of frustrated activities! Not only has the incorrigible corruption of the Russian Government in all departments of its administration been thoroughly exposed by this war, but its "prestige" has been destroyed in every bazaar of Asia, and will now never be recovered so long as the Russians remain what they have ever been since Chardin first described their moral shortcomings. Some say that they are not only Christians in name. However that may be, they are only Europeans in name; being in truth a mongrel race of mixed Slavs and Tartars, Tartars not of the fine Eastern type, but of the debased breed of the trans-Ural and trans-Caspian steppes. The Russian Government is quite as incompetent and almost as contemptible as the Turkish, while it stands alone for its swaggering impudence and effrontery. On the other hand, the Japanese have all along acted up to the very loftiest ideals of the West, until one wonders whether there is any truth in the hypothesis of their not being a truly Asiatic people, but the remnant of some race altogether distinct from the Continental races of the old World that has survived the subsidence of a continent supposed to have once existed where all is now the void vast waste of the Pacific Ocean. The true danger for these wonderful Lilliputian people is lest in their zeal for the adoption of European civilisation they should lose their own distinctive individuality. It is clear they are a strongly imitative people, while they seem not to be too ready or energetic in initiative; and with such a people, as with the Hindus, their national vitality and industrial integrity and political force entirely depend on their preserving intact their well defined and admirably trained national personality. I hope I have not indulged in too long a comment on the playful text affected by Sir George Birdwood, who, I am glad to observe, in spite of failing health always keeps up his classical freshness. After all, the hard are a portent for the rest of the world; and this, I suspect, is understood even more clearly in Asia than in Europe.

THE VICEROY AND THE CONGRESS.

I have not heard that a Trafalgar Square demonstration is being organised in protest in the name of the people of this country against the rebuff administered by Lord Curzon to Sir Henry Cotton as President of the National Congress. Indeed the news that His Excellency refused to personally receive from the hands of Sir H. Cotton the resolutions passed at the recent political gathering in Bombay has caused no surprise here amongst those who pay any attention to Indian affairs. I have even heard doubts expressed as to whether the Congress people themselves expected that their request would be granted; some go so far as to suggest that Sir Henry Cotton and his friends knew perfectly well the answer they would get and only wanted to put the Viceroy in an awkward position. I do not say that, but when I heard the "stand-and-deliver" manner in which, at the send-off dinner given at Westminster to the President of the Congress, Sir William Wedderburn told Lord Curzon what was required from him, I felt pretty sure that the reply would be a point blank refusal. The excitable "Daily News," which, according to the Magistrate, Mr. Fordham, "is as good as any other paper for wrapping up fish" is, of course, very angry with Lord Curzon, describing his action in the matter as a "grave insult" not only to Sir H. Cotton but to the people of India. "It embodies in personal affront," we are told, "the contempt with which the bureaucratic Viceroy regards the popular movement. Moreover, "he (Sir H. Cotton) is the President of the Indian Congress which has just completed its sittings. That Congress is the only approximation that three hundred million Indian subjects of the Emperor have to a share in their own government—the only medium the natives have of making known their grievances and their needs. To refuse to receive the President of such a body is a blunder which borders on a crime. In this matter the Viceroy stands for the Emperor, and it is King Edward nominally who thus refuses the small courtesy involved in hearing what the delegates of three hundred millions of his subjects have to say on the Government of India. Lord Curzon has throughout done his best to lose us the sympathy of the natives, but he has never equalled the tactless offensiveness of his latest affront. It is a pity that the "Daily News" should have thought it necessary to drag in the King-Emperor and to have done so in a way at once so unfair and so foolish. The National Congress is admittedly a political body and in a sense it corresponds to the Caucuses or the two great parties at home, held once a year to further their respective views. Neither the National Liberal Federation nor the National Union of Conservative Associations would be so absurd as to ask His Majesty to receive in person the resolutions adopted at their annual meeting and if they did we know what the answer would be. But there seems to be no limit to the lengths which the "Daily News" will go in its abuse. The "Morning Leader" which belongs to the same proprietor as the "Star" also expresses its disapproval but in a somewhat less ridiculous fashion: "A desire not to create a precedent has prompted Lord Curzon to refuse an audience to Sir H. Cotton, who wished to lay before him the resolutions of the Indian Congress." It is surely a pity that the Viceroy should go out of his way in this manner to compromise his complete estrangement from all Indian hopes and ambitions. He has made no difficulty about creating precedents in other directions—such as Tibet, for instance. Why should he hesitate when the question at issue is no longer an enormously wasteful pageant or a wild cat military expedition into an unexplored country, but a simple matter of listening to the opinions of a congress of the governed upon the character of the government? Those who wear the shoe know where it pinches," says Aristide. One possibly Lord Curzon does not wish to be reminded. Although the foregoing comments are not so wild as those of the "Daily News," they also show a curious want of proportion. Lord Curzon could not have been more severely criticised if he had been adopting some of the gentle measures used by the autocratic Government of Russia against the National Congresses of that unhappy country. The "Globe," as was to be anticipated, is delighted with Lord Curzon's snub and expresses its delight in its accustomed blunt manner: "No good and much harm would be done if Lord Curzon were to discuss these preposterous resolutions with Sir Henry Cotton or any other representative of this self-styled Indian National Conference; and as Lord Curzon himself points out, the suggested meeting would be purposeless if discussion were not contemplated. But discussion as Sir William Wedderburn made clear in his speech at the Westminster Palace hotel was contemplated." By the way what does Sir William Wedderburn think of the "Daily News" for twice referring in its short article to the people of India as "Natives?" He says that they should always be called Indians when suggests to us in England red-skins. The term "native" need not be offensive as its use by the "Daily News" shows, and it is convenient.

A NOBLE GIFT.

Munificent gifts to philanthropic objects have always been plentiful in this country, but never so plentiful as of late and they have come to be regarded as amongst the ordinary events of the day. But Lord Mount Stephen's fine contribution to King Edward's Hospital Fund is out of the common and ought not to be passed over without comment. The fact that Lord Mount Stephen has given the huge sum of £200,000—which would be considered a respectable fortune by some peers of the realm—towards the deserving object named will have been telegraphed by Reuter. The details shortly are these: an anonymous offer to contribute the necessary capital to provide one-third of the annual sum required, £14,000, to make the fixed income of the fund £50,000 recently lapsed owing to the inadequate response to the appeal made about 12 months ago by the Prince of Wales as President. Not long ago the Prince went to stay with Lord Mount Stephen at his place in Hertfordshire, and it is not unnatural to suppose that one of the topics of conversation was the parlous condition of the London Hospitals. On New Year's Day Lord Mount Stephen sent an order to the Prince for the delivery to him of £100,000 Argentine Government Funding Bonds and £100,000 Buenos Ayres Water Works Bonds yielding together an annual income of £11,000 a year. On learning of this act his Majesty as founder of the fund wrote at once to "My dear Lord Mount Stephen expressing high appreciation of the magnificent donation," "you have no rich forgotten," the King says, "that it is the second large donation which you have so kindly given, and I have now every hope that, owing to your great liberality, my fund will now be placed in the sound permanent position I had always hoped it would attain." You in Bombay should be specially interested in Lord Mount Stephen's generous act seeing that the wife of your late Governor—Lady Northcote—is the adopted daughter of the donor. It is unfortunate by the way that neither Lord Mount Stephen nor his relative Lord Strathcona, two of the richest men in the country, has a male heir. The romantic history of Lord Mount Stephen, and that of Lord Strathcona is scarcely less romantic, has been recalled. His early life is thus described. Born in Banffshire 75 years ago, educated at the parish school, first a herd boy, then a draper's apprentice in Aberdeen, then an assistant at Pawson and Leaf's, in St. Paul's churchyard, and then in 1850 an emigrant to Canada. His cousin Donald South (now Lord Strathcona) had gone to the Dominion some years earlier to join the service of the Hudson's Bay Company, and it was in association that these two remarkable men amassed their huge fortunes. The most profitable of the enterprises with which they were connected was the construction of the Canadian Pacific Railway, not inappropriately described as one of the greatest of Imperial assets since it supplies an undispensable link in the all-British road round the globe. Lord Strathcona as High Commissioner for the Dominion of Canada, notwithstanding his great age—he was born in 1820—and vast wealth, works as hard as many men thirty years his junior, and attends his office in Victoria Street regularly every day. He is naturally a good deal before the public, but Lord Mount Stephen is personally almost entirely unknown out of the circle of his personal friends. One of his greatest intimates was that fine old Highlander Field Marshal Sir Donald Stewart who has made many a trip across the Atlantic with Lord Mount Stephen on sport and pleasure bent. It may be interesting to add that according to his own account Lord Strathcona narrowly escaped an Indian career. It was his father's wish that he should become a member of the Indian Civil Service, but something occurred to prevent it and so he went to Canada instead greatly to his own profit. I have never yet heard of a retired Indian official at least in modern times becoming a multi-millionaire.

LORD AMPTHILL.

The amiable Calcutta correspondent of the "Daily News" in a letter unfavourably contrasting the Viceroyalty of Lord Curzon with the temporary reign of Lord Ampthill, says of the latter that his "transformation into a ruler of men is due to the lucky accident of a secretaryship to Mr Chamberlain, the all-powerful boss of modern English politics." Apart from the fact that Lord Ampthill is not a dunce or a noodle, the statement I have quoted is not quite accurate. Another and luckier accident contributed to Lord Ampthill's present position. I mean of course the accident of birth. In the peculiar conditions prevailing in this "aristocratic country," as the late Sir Richard Temple once described it to me, a Russell, unless he shows eccentricity in his political ideals, like his kinsman the grandson of the great Earl Russell, can get anything he wants. It is curious how the influence of the "leading families" persists in this country notwithstanding the ever-battling democratic superstition of the people at the polls.

BIG FIRE IN BOMBAY.

DESTRUCTION OF A PORT TRUST WAREHOUSE.

Last night the Victoria Dock, Bombay, was the scene of a big conflagration. Warehouse No. 10 belonging to the Port Trust and situated within the precincts of the Dock was discovered to be on fire at about half past 7 o'clock and within an hour and a half the whole building with its contents was destroyed. The building was about two hundred feet long and a hundred feet broad and had one upper floor with corrugated iron roof. It was stored in with what was known as "unclaimed goods," which included among others a large number of drums of methylated spirit and cases of wines, brandy and whisky. The warehouse was open throughout the day and was closed as usual at half past 5 o'clock in the evening. The fire was discovered by a peon doing duty near the gate, who saw flames near one of the iron doors facing the main road. It seemed that a quantity of spirit had run out of the door ignited and set the door-sill on fire. The peon fetched two buckets of water and poured them over the burning sill. While he was doing so he heard the fire crackling within, and on looking through a slit near the door, noticed that flames were raging inside the building. He ran to the Customs chowkey near the main gate and informed the Customs officers there as well as the Police officers. The Customs officers with the police hastened to the spot, and hearing the rustling noise of the fire inside, ran to the eastern door with a view to get an entrance into the building. The door, which had been secured with four padlocks, was forced open, when it was discovered that the fire had taken possession of a considerable part of the building. The fire brigade stations were at once communicated with, and the Port Trust fire engines and the Municipal steamers promptly arrived on the scene. Owing to the inflammable nature of the goods stored in the building, the fire spread with great rapidity and in a very short time the whole warehouse was one mass of flames. The fire-brigade began their operation with a copious supply of water under the direction of Mr. Nichols, the head of the fire brigade. Lines of hose were run round the burning building and within a few minutes about twenty jets were directed against the fire. About sixty men belonging to H. M. S. Fox, now lying in the Merewether Dock, were requisitioned and they very ably supplemented by the efforts of the fire brigade. The Dock Superintendent, the Dock master, the Deputy Traffic Manager and Customs officials with their respective staffs were early on the scene and rendered every assistance in putting the fire out. For a considerable time the fire raged furiously and baffled all efforts of the fire-brigade. To save the building was be and question, and the efforts of the brigade were therefore solely directed in confining the fire to the building in which it had originated. The next warehouse which was to the south of the burning one was separated only by a gateway and the attack of the fire brigade was directed with a considerable force at that point. The blue-jackets brought in a huge girder and with it rammed in the iron doors, thus effecting an entrance to the fire-brigade to enable them to play effectively on the flames. Mr. Nichols and his men assisted by the blue-jackets worked with unflagging zeal and succeeded in bringing the fire under control at half past 9 o'clock and saving the neighbouring property. The whole building with its contents was destroyed and nothing remained but the bare walls and iron pillars. The engines continued pouring water upon the smouldering flames throughout the night. The damage is estimated at from three to four lakhs of rupees. Both the Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner of Police were on the scene, and good order was maintained by the police under Superintendent Wilkins, Inspector Flanagan and others. Mr. W. C Hughes, Chairman of the Port Trust, was present on the spot.

ARRIVAL OF THE OVERLAND MAIL OF 6TH JANUARY.

The P. and O. Company's steamer Egypt, Captain J. R. London, arrived in harbour yesterday morning with the English Mails of the 6th January. She brought the following passengers:—

FROM LONDON.

Archer, Miss A E
Bayley Miss M
Bishop, Mr and Mrs H
Bail Mr R
Bristowe, Mr S
Barron, Mr G
Barron, Mr and Mrs H
Cecil, Mrs C H child and inft
Cunliffe, Miss C
Darlington-Turner, Miss E G
Duche, Mr J J
Elliott, Captain
Forbes, Mr A E B
Fairbairn, Mr Mrs and Miss
Grover, Miss
Hogg Major T C
Holden, Rev T
Howlett, Mrs A T
Hayman, Mr A T
Johnston, Mr W B
Kellett, Colonel
Lane, Mr M
Meredith, Mr R H
Mitchell Mr C L
Monks, Mr T L
Martin, Mr J
Nowell, Miss N
Nicholson, Mrs child and infant
Nicholls, Miss E A
Owen, Miss Owen
Cunliffe, Mrs Miss and 2 infts
Parry, Mr Mrs W S
Pailla, Mr H W B
Pookie, Mr R K and Miss
Rowland, Miss M
Sherman, Mr and Mrs C M and infant
Stewart, Miss
Swan, Miss H
Shaw, Miss M R
Tyrrell, Miss
White, Mr and Mrs H G N
Zachary, Rev C E

FROM MARSEILLES.

Apear, Mr G
Anderson, Capt and Mrs W M and infant
Anderson, Mrs Lane and 3 children
Acquin, Sir Martin
Banerjhea, Capt H
Brown Miss Miss P.
Bowack, Mr G
Bulman, Miss
Blumenthal, Mr B
Bateman, Miss La Trobe
Cole, Mrs
Cole Mrs P C
Crowder Mr M H
Dutt, Miss E
Ewan, Maj and Mrs F W
Edwards Mr H
Fraser, Mr Gordon
Hoyworth, Miss
Hildebrand, Major
Hassan, Prince M A
Heard Miss
Henderson, Mr J
Howie, Capt J M
Hordern, Mr H
Hendrick, Mr S H
Ingram, Mr A R
Kirkaldy, Mr
Lindsay, Miss M F
Kemp, Miss
Lovering, Lt W R
Lilley, Mr A W
Livesay Mr J
Livesay Mr H
McDaggart, Maj and Mrs
McLean, Mr and Mrs A H
McIntosh, Mr I
Miller, Mr Jas
McDonald, Mr R H
Macguire, Miss
Nash, Capt H R
Nelson, Mr A E
Nawab Hamid Yar Jung
Penton, Lieut B C and Miss
Palmer, Miss
Richards, Mr
Rivaz, Mr G W
Randle, Mr A W
Scott, Miss M H
Shordlan, Mr and Mrs C A N
Steele, Rev J H
Sadler Lieut and Mrs H
Shelford, Mr
Smith, Col J G
Stevenson, Mr G H
Sever, Miss
Sassoon, Mr
Sterne, Mr L
Stewart, Mr H A
Sharp, Miss
Turner, Mrs A L
Taylor, Lady A
Turner, Miss T
Thompson, Lt J P
Upcher, Mr and Mrs H
Vaughan, Miss J
White, Lieut C J
Weldon, Mr and Mrs A L
Wilson, Mr and Mrs J
Witt, Mr and Mrs D O
Wynne, Mrs and 2 children

FROM BRINDISI.

Engel, Mr Carl
Egerton, Mrs W P
Egerton, Miss G
Helmuth, Mrs T
Henry, Mr
Henry, Mr
Niemann, Mr G
Penton, Mrs de
Swebart, Mr D
Tiebo, Mr

FROM PORT SAID.

Bird, Mrs
Cowperthwait, Mr and Mrs J H
Carigan, Miss L E
DaBoulay, Mrs and Inft
Dinimick, Mr H
Eosser, Mr and Mrs O
Fisher, Mr and Mrs J A
Foster, Miss E
Foster, Miss H
Hayward, Mr S
Jordanides, Mr and Mrs
John, Mrs
McKellar, Miss M
McLellan, Mr and Mrs
Meyer, Mr and Mrs S
Pollard, Mr L
Robertson, Mr and Mrs
Robertson, Mr (2)
Tatum, Mr and Mrs C F
Zimmerman, Mr A

FROM GIBRALTAR—Peninsular, Capt A J C

FROM ADEN.

Mathias, Maj J
Potamianos, Mr M

PASSENGERS BY THE HOMEWARD MAIL.

The following passengers proceed to-day by the S. S. Oriental for Marseilles and London:—

Acatos Mr and Mrs C
Boyd Mr and Mrs C C
Bell Mrs
Bhownagree Sir M M
Clark Mr W T
Chitty Mr and Mrs C W
Chrisdie Miss and Maid
Clarke Mr W H
Cruickshank Miss M
David Mr
Dickson Capt J H
Elliot Mr F A H
Fetzimer Mr J H
Gordon-Cumming Sub-Lt A
Glass Mr J G J
Gracey Colonel
Jeysingrao Gaikwar Prince
Ingram Mr child, infant and nurse
Klunison Mr and Mrs J A and son
Landon Mrs
Lygon Lady Mary and Miss
Mumford Mr C E
Mason Rev C A
Oldham Mrs
Rose Mr and Mrs and Inft
Rylands Mr F
Stik Mr A E
Spilsbury Mrs
Selkirk Mr W
Simmonds Mr and Mrs and 3 Misses
Sharma Mr S W
Seton-Karr Mr H W
Strutt M P Hon C H
Strutt M P Mr E H
Thonger Mr J H
Walker Mr and Mrs H
Waller Mr
Williams Mr A

PASSENGERS PER S. S. IMPERATOR.

The following passengers arrived here by the Austrian Lloyd's s. s. "Imperator," Captain F. M. Sca, from Aden yesterday morning:—Doctor Ashton, Mr and Mrs G Antippa, Revd Aelen, Sister Arnoldina, Mr R A Adagra, Mr Bauer, Mr J Bishop, Mr Homonji Edulji Cassinath, Mr Capitanesu, Mrs Davies, Miss Dalmedico, Mr and Mrs Eck, Mrs Enders, Mr Enstice, Mr Frankel, Mrs Framesbary, Mr A W Reed, Mr Gibellini, Mr Hassan, Mr Hamid Ali, Doctor G Hoyak, Baron Jacquinlino, Miss Lyons, Miss Jeyes, Mr Kennedy, Mr Kerr, Mr Lee, Mr Lodeska, Mr Lall, Mr Chaun Rayo Pasee, Captain Mayer, Mr Mackenzie, Mr Mackenzie, Mr Robinson, Mr Rhodes, Mr Rosenthal, Mr Rosenthal, Mr Rosenthal

capitols and part of the shafts, which remain suspended from the top like huge stalactites, the basis having been undermined by the water which penetrates the cave during the rainy season, and which quickly decomposes the rock. The principal idol and most of the other sculptured figures with which the walls of the temple are adorned, are in a very dilapidated condition The figures are in bas-relief, so prominent that they are joined to the rock only by the back, and they are from ten to fourteen feet high, while the grand three-faced bust of the deity at the extremity of the temple measures nineteen feet in height. There is also the statue of the goddess Doorga or Parvatee, the wife of Siva. On the right side of the temple is a chapel, twenty-two feet square, advanced into the body of the cave, and in this room is the "linga," the emblem of the reproductive power of nature, which is always associated with the worship of Siva. This "linga" is generally marked with fresh paint, as is the "yoni" near it, and flowers are occasionally offered by native pilgrims. The caves, however, are reported not to have been held in very much reverence by the natives generally ever since the Mahrattas re-took Elephanta from the Portuguese in 1737. An inscribed stone bearing a legend describing when and by whom the caves were excavated are believed to have been removed to Lisbon by the Portuguese.

VISIT TO THE EXHIBITION.

At 9 p. m. the Members and Delegates visited the Exhibition.

A SUIT BY COMMISSION AGENTS.

DECREE CONFIRMED BY APPEAL COURT.

YESTERDAY, in the Appeal Court, Sir Lawrence Jenkins, Chief Justice, and the Hon. Mr. Justice Batty gave judgment in the appeal filed by Chandulal Sukhlal and others against Sidhrathrai Sujaral. The appellants, who were plaintiffs in the suit, sued to recover Rs. 7,309 with interest as the balance due to them in respect of transactions between them and the defendant. The case for the plaintiffs was that the defendant employed them as commission agents in Bombay in 1891, and they, under his instructions and on his account entered into various sales and purchases of Bengal cotton, all deliverable between the 15th and 26th January 1897. At the due date of the several contracts there remained outstanding 400 bales to be taken delivery of on account of the defendant, and the defendant having failed, though warned, to send the plaintiffs money to enable them to take delivery of the 400 bales, they sold them on the defendant's account, whereby a loss resulted of Rs. 6,702, including brokerage and commission, and the amount then due was Rs. 7,309. The defendant, in his written statement, denied the alleged sales and purchases, and further pleaded that if the plaintiffs had entered into any contracts for sale or purchase on his behalf, they were wagering contracts. The case came on for hearing before the late Mr. Justice Starling, who dismissed the suit with costs, deciding on one issue only, without any finding on the other issues. An appeal from this decree was preferred, and the Appeal Court being of opinion that evidence had been improperly excluded, remanded the case for the evidence to be taken, and directed findings to be recorded. Mr. Justice Starling recorded the evidence and his finding upon it. The learned Judge said: "I deliver oral judgment, and find that the contracts between plaintiffs and defendant were gaming contracts; and do not alter the finding on issue 7th." This was on 1st December 1902.

From this judgment the present appeal was preferred. Mr. Inverarity and Mr. Davar, instructed by Messrs. Tyebji and Co., appeared for the appellants and plaintiffs, and Mr. Robertson and Mr. Lowndes, instructed by Messrs. Malvi, Hiralal and Modi, appeared for the respondent and defendant.

The Chief Justice delivered the Appeal Court's judgment. In the course of it, his Lordship said the plaintiffs contended that they were not commission agents in the ordinary sense of the term but they conducted their business on the "pakki asmi" system. For the terms of that system the Appeal Court was referred to the judgment of the Hon. Mr. Justice Chandavarkar in Kanji Dowji vs. Bhagvandas Narotamdas. Relying on this it was argued that the plaintiffs were really the principals with whom the defendant dealt; and the contracts, though made in consequence of the defendant's instructions, were not in truth made on his account so as to establish privity between him and those several sellers. But the usage proved before Mr. Justice Chandavarkar involved a material departure from the ordinary relations between a principal and his agent, and the learned Judge's views in its favour was based on evidence adduced before him for the purpose of that case. In this case there was no suggestion of this usage in the pleadings or the issues; nor was there any evidence to prove it. Obviously, Mr. Justice Chandavarkar's finding could not be claimed as establishing usage, of which the Judges in this suit ought to take judicial notice. The plaintiffs must be held to the case they had made; in this view the Appeal Court was confirmed by the tenor of the correspondence between them and the defendant. The decree of the Lower Court was confirmed with costs.

THE WAR.

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The passive endurance of the enemy's bombardment with 11 inch shells, the impossibility of reply for want of ammunition, the outbreak of scurvy, and the loss of a mass of officers—all these causes diminish daily the defence.

The tale of losses of higher officers is an indication of the onerous losses which we have sustained. Of ten generals two Kondratchenko and Tserpitsky, have been killed; one, Raznatosky, is dead; two are wounded, myself and General Nadaine; and one, Gorbatovsky, is suffering from contusions. Of nine regimental commanders, two, Colonel Matchabeli and Colonel Vaoumenko, have been killed; two, Doumine and Glagoleff, have succumbed to their wounds; four, Gaidourine, Savitzky, Grilazoff, and Treclakoff, are wounded. Furthermore, Lieutenant-Colonel of the frontier guards Boutassoff, has been killed; Lieutenant-Colonel Pokrowsky, commanding a third battalion of the reserve, is wounded; as is also Lieutenant Konzevitch, commanding a sotnia of Cossacks. Colonel Ivnann, of the Field Artillery was wounded. Of eight commanders of field batteries, one, Colonel Petroff, was killed. Lieutenant-Colonels Laperoff and Romanowski, Captain Benoit, and Lieutenant Colonel Dabroff were wounded; while Lieutenant-Colonel Sablokoff and Captain Petrenko, commanding the battery of 57-millimetre guns sustained bruises.

"The percentage of other superior officers, who were killed or died of disease or were wounded several times is enormous. Many companies are commanded by ensigns, and on an average each company is at present composed of not more than 60 men."

In a further despatch, dated December 26, General Stossel says:—

"We will only hold out a few days longer. We have hardly any ammunition left. I shall take measures to prevent carnage in the streets. Scurvy is weaking the garrison sensibly.

"I have now 10,000 men under arms. They are all ill. Generals Fock and a Nikitin are real heroes and real comrades."

THE SERVICES AT HOME.

INDIA OFFICE—JAN. 2.

ARRIVALS REPORTED IN LONDON.

Lieut-Col L E Cooper 37 R		Capt C H Peterson 40 Punj	
Major G T Mould 1 M S			
Major H L Richardson 14 Sikhs	Capt S Stephenson 1 M S	Lieut J G Lyons 70 Punj	
Major M R E Ray 7 Rajpoots	Lieut A W H M Moens 52 Sikhs		
Major M B Roberts' 1-39 Garhwal R	Lieut B E Morgan 93 Burma I		
Major E W Richards, S and T Corps	Lieut H J H Trueman 43 Artillery		
Major C J C Wimberley, I M S	Lieut R H S Whitchurch 91 Hazara I		
Capt K S Cassels 7 Goork K	Commander C J C Kendall R I M		
Capt A A McHarg R E			

EXTENSIONS OF LEAVE.

Lieut-Col F B Deane 4 mo	I A	Lieut S Bagott 2-10 R 2 days	Goork
Capt C R Pearce 6 mo	I M S		

PERMITTED TO RETURN.

Major A G Peyton 9 Hodson's Horse		Capt F R H Eustace 3 A E	
Major E C Ryall 1-4 Goork R		Capt A S Capper 39 C I H, Lieut H B Cheyne 1 Lancers	
Major A V Hatch 2-1 Goork R		Lieut A Hamilton R I M	

From Jan. 3 to Jan. 6.

ARRIVALS REPORTED IN LONDON.

Mr R G Pantin, B Cov	Major H Vickers 83 WL
Mr W S Milne, B Cov	Major G H Irvine 1 M S
Mr H K Robinson, B	Major A R Dimmes, S T C
Mr A E Ross B	Capt P C Elliott-Lockhart, D S O, Corps of Guides
Mr W B Gray, B	
Mr O L Taylor, B	Capt H F A Pearson 23 Sikh Pr I
Mr P S P Rice, M Cov	
Mr H Tireman, M	Capt G M Molloy Poona H
Lieut-Col J Scott I M S	Lieut R B Skinner, R E

EXTENSIONS OF LEAVE.

Mr J C Arbuthnott, C I E B. Cov	9 mo furl	Capt T J McLeod, 1-1 G R 1 mo, M C	
Mr A E Potter, B Feb 4 1905	furl to	Lieut H C M N James 65 Carnatic I-1 till May 14,	
Major J N Jephson, 5 L I 3 mo M C		1905, on M C	
Major R E Money-Shewan R E 1 mo		Second Lieut J B Unsor I Leicester R till April 19, 1905 on M C	

PERMITTED TO RETURN.

Major W B Lane, I M S B		Major C I Wimberley S Cav	
Capt F S H Baldrey, F O V D B		Major B E Grimston, 6 P W Cav	
Mr A E Potter, B		Capt C Smith F W D	
Mr R M Kennedy, Bo Cov		Capt R P Keelan, 107 Pcs	
Mr F W Ricks, Bo		Capt R A Steel, 17 Cav	
Lieut-Col W A Gale R E		Lieut C E S, Cox 77 Moplah R	
Major W Vaughan's R	Vansittart, 58	Lieut C S Lindsay, Northampton R	
Major J M Home I A			

THE Moscow University, which has just been closed because the students were agitating for reforms, was founded in 1755 by the Empress Elizabeth, daughter of Peter the Great, and is the oldest University in Russia. It is open to all youths, whether native or alien, who have passed satisfactory examinations on leaving the gymnasium and are above seventeen years of age. The examination, however, varies in difficulty, and the raising of the standard is one of the approved means of putting the screw upon seditious youth. Count Dmitri Tolstoy raised it to such a pitch of difficulty that only one-ninth of the candidates obtained their diplomas.

PICKLES IN DISCHARGE OF A DEBT.

SUIT IN THE HIGH COURT.

THE Hon. Mr. Justice Batchelor, presiding on the Original Side of the High Court yesterday, delivered judgment in the case of Manockjee Nowrojee Bhaiji Patelna against Byramji Sorabji Pochi.

His Lordship, in the course of his judgment, said the plaint set out that in April and May 1883 the plaintiff's father, Nowroji Shaparji, advanced the sum of Rs. 500 in two instalments to the defendant, who was about to proceed to Zanzibar on business; that the defendant agreed to discharge his liability by shipping from Zanzibar thirty hogsheads of mango pickles to be delivered on or before the 1st January 1884; and that in further security of the debt and interest the defendant deposited with Nowroji the title deeds of his immovable property at Dharavi, in Bombay, and put Nowroji in possession of the land. It was alleged that the defendant failed to deliver any pickles within the period agreed, but in March 1884, shipped to Nowroji 97 casks of pickles, which, however, were in a rotten and unmarketable condition; and that, with the defendant's authorisation, an attempt was made to sell the pickles by public auction, but as no satisfactory bid was made the goods were sold to Manockjee Poonjiaji and Sons, dealers in pickles, for Rs. 297. The plaint went on to aver that Nowroji continued to manage the Dharavi property and to pay the Collector's assessment till 1893, when he was forcibly dispossessed by the defendant's brother Framji and that the defendant had failed, on demand being made, to restore possession of the land, or to pay any portion of the debt, which, with interest, amounted to Rs. 2,900-5-1. The plaintiff, who had taken out letters of administration to his deceased father Nowroji's estate, prayed for a declaration that the aforesaid sum was due, and was a charge on the Dharavi property; and that, in the event of the debt not being paid within a time to be fixed by the court, the property should be sold and the sale proceeds devoted to the payment of the debt. The defendant, in his written statement, admitted the loan of Rs. 500 from Nowroji, but contended that the whole sum was advanced at once, and not in two instalments. He denied that the receipt signed by him was the document attached to the plaint, and said that, under the terms of the real receipt, the mango pickles were to be shipped from Zanzibar, not within any defined period, but as soon as possible. He denied that he had ever deposited his title deeds with Nowroji, and contended that plaintiff's possession of the deeds was obtained by unlawful or improper means. He alleged that the pickles shipped by him in March 1884 were worth Rs. 1,200. He denied that he had ever put Nowroji in possession of the Dharavi property, and asserted that any payment made by Nowroji must have been made at the request of defendant's brother Kavasji, who was left in management. Finally, defendant submitted that the suit was barred by limitation, and that, in any case, proper accounts should be taken between him and the plaintiff. On the suit being called on, the defendant was unrepresented, but Mr. Dastur kindly offered to defend the action and was allowed a short adjournment to prepare himself. His Lordship having gone into the facts and the law at considerable length, decided that the plaintiff was entitled to a decree but he could not at his stage make a final decree awarding him the definite sum of money claimed. Accounts must as usual be taken between the mortgagor and mortgagee, and the need for accounts in this case was the more apparent, inasmuch as the plaint it seemed to have charged interest on interest. Upon so much of the judgment having been delivered, the parties agreed to a decree for plaintiff for the sum of Rs. 1,500 and costs, which costs were not to exceed Rs. 1,000. His Lordship declared that this sum was a charge upon the mortgaged property, and ordered that, if defendant did not pay this sum to plaintiff within six months from the date, the plaintiff be entitled to apply for a decree absolute for sale. In case default should be made in payment, the court would fix the rate of interest due to plaintiff on the debt as from that day.

A CONTRACT FOR GINS.

LOWER COURT'S DECREE CONFIRMED.

THE Hon. Sir Lawrence Jenkins, Chief Justice, and the Hon. Mr. Justice Batty, of the High Court yesterday, delivered judgment in an appeal from a decision of Mr. Justice Russell in the case of Ismailji Ibrahimji Nagji against Shaik Bashiruddin and another. Mr. Justice Russell gave a decree for Rs. 2,279 against the first and second defendants with costs, from which the defendants filed an appeal. Mr. Robertson and Mr. Bahadurji instructed by Mr. Romer, appeared for the appellants and defendants. Mr. Inverarity and Mr. Strangman, instructed by Messrs. Little and Co., appeared for the respondent, Ismailji, who was the plaintiff in the Lower Court.

The Hon. Mr. Justice Batty delivered the judgment of the Appeal Court. His Lordship said that in this case the plaintiff claimed damages for alleged breach of contract by the defendants in having failed to take delivery of and pay for, the goods supplied in the three lists attached to the plaint, which goods, the plaintiff alleged, he supplied in pursuance of orders given on 22nd October, 25th October, and 3rd November 1902, and which having been refused by the defendants, were sold by the plaintiff at auction for Rs. 1,225, leaving a deficit, the amount of which, with other charges, the plaintiff sought to recover. The defendants contended that the goods supplied were country-made, and not gins made by Platt Brothers, such as they required, and these had therefore, been rejected by them. Evidence on this point having been excluded by the Court of first instance, the case was remanded in order that the defendants might have an opportunity of cross-examining the plaintiff and any further witnesses called by him; and of adducing evidence themselves on the issue, whether the defendants had bought the goods set forth in the plaint. Mr. Justice Russell having taken the further evidence tendered, recorded the findings. The objection taken by the defendants to these findings were, that they had insisted on being supplied with Platt's gins; the gins supplied by the plaintiff were loose accessories of country-make; the defendants had never ordered, directly or indirectly, the goods specified in the third list attached to the plaint; the second defendant was not a partner of the first defendant, who was the owner of the mills for which the goods were ordered, and the circumstances in which the resale of the goods supplied was effected by the plaintiffs prevented the goods from realising a proper price. Proceeding, Mr. Justice Batty said that the memo. Ex. C. had satisfied the Judges of the Appeal Court that the plaintiff did not attempt a concealment of the fact that the gins would be supplied in the form of loose accessories. The second defendant asserted that he had learnt from one Gulam Khan that the gins sent to Warl Bunder station were of country make, and then he sent Mahbub Khan to examine them. Gulam Sabir said he went with the plaintiff to the station at this examination, and told him the gins were not of Platt's make as ordered. But Mahbub Khan and Gulam Khan, who were both said to have been present there, had said nothing of this repudiation of the gins at the station; and Mahbub Khan was quite certain that the plaintiff was not there, either before or after this inspection. The evidence as to this incident was unsatisfactory, and the Judges thought that even if inspection of the goods at the station was attempted, the failure to discover the trade mark of Platt Brothers thereon might well have been due to the manner in which the goods were packed for transit, and to the marked surface not having been exposed to view. Had the question then been definitely raised, it was at least reasonable to suppose the second defendant would have insisted on the goods being unpacked, and the matter being placed beyon doubt, instead of allowing the goods to be sent on to Khandwa without further question. Another point for consideration was whether the goods on resale at Khandwa were depreciated by the omission to describe them as Platt's. The Judges did not think that the plaintiff would have been justified in having the gins brought back to Bombay for sale, as that could only have added to the cost, without enhancing their saleable value. The omission to describe the gins as Platt's had not been shown to have had any depreciatory result. The plaintiff deposed that country-frames cost Rs. 40 or Rs. 42; Platt's cost 2s shillings or Rs. 24. And nothing had been cited in the evidence to show that this was incorrect. The resale was no open to objection on this ground. In the opinion of the Court the plaintiff had proved that the goods supplied were the ascertained goods inspected and ordered by the second defendant; the second defendant and the first defendant were liable for the price; they refused to accept and pay for the goods justified their resale by the plaintiff; and that it had not been shown that the resale was improper in any respect. Therefore the decree of the Lower Court was confirmed with costs throughout

Debility

Perhaps you eat enough, yet you do not get much benefit from your food. You keep thin and weak; are tired all the time, and your nerves are in a bad way. Why not strengthen your digestion and get rid of your debility?

Read these words from Mrs. E. G. Munro, of Coburg, Victoria. Mrs. Munro also sends her photograph:—

"I suffered greatly with indigestion and debility for a long time. Sleep did not refresh me, and I was in a very bad state. One of my friends strongly recommended Ayer's Sarsaparilla, and after a good deal of hesitation I made up my mind to try it. To my great surprise, I had not taken one-half a bottle before I felt greatly improved in every way. I only took three bottles, and I can now honestly say that I am entirely free from all of my old troubles, and consider myself perfectly cured. Ayer's Sarsaparilla is certainly a wonderful blood medicine."

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There are many imitation Sarsaparillas. Be sure you get "Ayer's."

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THE WEEK'S MAIL SUMMARY.

LONDON, JAN. 6.

HOME.

A Garden Village Trust has been established by Mr. Joseph Rowntree at York.

Court.—The King and Queen, accompanied by Princess Victoria, left Sandringham on Monday for Chatsworth, to visit the Duke of Devonshire.—The Duke and Duchess of Connaught left Portsmouth on Tuesday on board the cruiser Essex for Brest, "en route" for the Mediterranean.

Ecclesiastical.—The Archbishop of Canterbury has address a New Year's message to the clergy and laity of his diocese.—Canon Pearson, vicar of St. Mark's Broomhall, Sheffield, has been appointed Bishop Suffragan of Burnley.—We publish further particulars of the Welsh revival.—The London City missionaries held their New Year's meeting on Monday at Exeter-hall. It was announced that in about a month a great revivalist mission would be begun at the Albert-hall.

Elections.—Sir R. Baker has been chosen as Conservative, and Mr. A. W. Wills as Liberal candidate in North Dorset.—Lord Chelsea, son of Lord Cadogan, has become Conservative candidate for the Newmarket Division of Cambridgeshire.—The Stalybridge election has been fixed for January 7, and the Mile-end election for January 12.

Honours.—Various appointments to and promotions in the Royal Victorian Order are announced. Appointments to and promotions in the Orders of the Star of India and the Indian Empire are also announced. A knighthood is conferred on Mr. J.F. Stevens, lately a Judge of the Calcutta High Court. Sir E. Monson, British Ambassador in Paris, has been created a baronet, and the King has placed Thatched House Lodge, Richmond-park at his disposal.

Labour.—The Scottish Miners' Federation has passed resolutions in favour of State ownership of all means of production and exchange and of the State maintenance of children.

Land and property sales at the London Mart realized last year £4,890,879, which is £870,128 less than in 1903.

Law.—Mr. R. W. Wynne, ex-sheriff of Denbighshire, was the victim of an extraordinary robbery last week.—Three arrests have been made in London in connexion with forgeries of Bank of England notes. The inquest on Bombardier Bannerman, R. F. A., who was said to have been poisoned by a fellow-soldier, ended on Tuesday in a verdict of "Death from misadventure."

Lord Mount Stephen has given £200,000 to the King's Hospital Fund in Argentine bonds, yielding £11,000 a year. The King has written to Lord Mount Stephen expressing high appreciation of this magnificent donation.—his lordship's second large donation to the fund.

Naval and Military.—The Coldstream Guards visited Birmingham on Saturday, and on Sunday the band gave a sacred concert at the Town-hall, when Mr. Chamberlain spoke. It would be a social crime, he said, to ignore the nobler side of the military profession.—Lord Selborne denies the statement that the Admiralty have reversed their decision to utilize Rosyth as a naval base.

Regulations for Heavy Motor Traffic have been agreed upon by the Board of Trade.

The Annual Conference of the National Federation of Head Teachers' Associations has been held at Cambridge, and that of the Incorporated Society of Musicians in Manchester.

The Free Library presented by Mr. Carnegie to Stratford-on-Avon was opened on Wednesday. Sir G. O. Trevelyan delivered an address.

The Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Company have purchased the fleet of the Goole Steam Shipping Company, consisting of 18 steamers, and intend to run them to the Continent in connexion with their railway service to the East coast.

The London Road-Car Company announce the issue of the balance of the Company's authorized share capital—viz., 19,334 shares of £6 each, £116,004—in order to provide funds for the gradual adoption of mechanically-driven vehicles. Most of the motors, will be obtained from Germany and Belgium; the steam motors will be made in this country.

The Lyceum Theatre, long associated with the name of Sir Henry Irving, was reopened on Saturday as a music-hall. Selections from operas form a feature of the programme.

The Mint in 1904.—The number of pieces struck at the Royal Mint in 1904 was 95,137,487. Of gold coin there was issued £11,042,000, and withdrawn £2,100,000. Of silver there was issued £366,801, and withdrawn £338,889; and of bronze there was issued £77,696.

The Unemployed.—The Bank of England has given £1,000 and Sir Ernest Cassel has given £2,000 to the Mansion-house Fund, which now amounts to over £30,000.

Wireless Telegraphy.—The Post Office now accepts telegrams for transmission from wireless stations on the coast to ships at sea.

THE EMPIRE.

Australia.—A strike has begun at the collieries of Newcastle district, N.S.W.—Great bush fires are reported.

British East Africa.—An outbreak of plague has occurred at Port Florence.

Canada.—Lord Grey held his first New Year's Day Levee at Ottawa on Monday.—The past year has been one of the most prosperous in Canadian history.

FOREIGN.

Argentina.—The past year has been one of public tranquility and general prosperity.

Austria-Hungary.—Baron Gautsch has succeeded Dr. von Korber as Premier of Austria.—There was another noisy sitting of the Hungarian Chamber on Tuesday. The Emperor King closed the Session on Wednesday and announced the dissolution.

France.—President Loubet, at his New Year's Day reception of the Diplomatic Body, expressed satisfaction that the past year had seen the propagation of ideas of peace.—The Anglo-French difference on the Muscat question is about to come before The Hague Court.

Germany.—The Austrian negotiators on the subject of the commercial treaty are expected to return to Berlin forthwith.

Greece.—M. Delyanni has succeeded in forming a Cabinet, and Parliament has been dissolved.

Morocco.—Our Paris Correspondent says that the Sultan has intimated his desire to accept the advice and assistance of France.—The French Mission will shortly proceed to Fez.—The case of El Meneb i has been settled on terms satisfactory to all parties concerned.—The brigand chief, who recently attacked our Correspondent's house, was killed on Sunday night in a village raid.

Russia.—It is said that Prince Sviatopolk-Mirski, Minister of the Interior, has resigned because assurances given by him to the Poles have been rejected by the Governor-General of Warsaw.—The "Times" publishes a letter written by Count Leo Tolstoy to the Tsar three years ago, when he believed that he was dying. It is an impassioned indictment of autocracy and orthodoxy, and advocates the abolition of private property in land and absolute freedom for the people.—The Town Council of St. Petersburg has petitioned for the convening of a congress of representatives of the municipal councils of all Russia.—Serious disturbances are reported from many parts of Poland.—The example of the Moscow "Zemstvo" in adjourning "sine die" is likely to be followed by other Zemstvos.—At Tuesday's meeting of the committee of Ministers, the view was expressed that the acts of all State officials should be brought into harmony with the law and that the judicial authority of the Senate should be independent of the Minister of Justice.—An Anglo-Russian agreement has been signed with reference to the "locus standi" of companies in the law Courts of the two countries.

The War.—Port Arthur has fallen. On December 29, the Japanese captured Erhiungshan Fort with 43 guns. On the 31st, the besiegers blew up the parapet of the Sungshushan Fort, and captured the fort after an hour's fighting. Many Russians were buried under the "debris" of the parapet. A number of guns were captured. On Sunday, January 1, the besiegers captured H Fort and the new fort on Panlungshan, and also carried the heights south of Housanyantac. On the same day the centre and left took the fort of Wantai. That evening General Nogi received a letter from General Stossel proposing a meeting to discuss terms of surrender. General Nogi agreed, and terms of capitulation were signed on Monday. They provided that the whole fortress, ships, arms, and other property of the Russian Government should be surrendered, and that soldiers, sailors, volunteers, and other officials were to be prisoners, but officers were to be allowed to retain their arms and return to Russia on parole not to take further part in the war. The Japanese are now in possession. There are 10,000 civilians in the town and 25,000 combatants, of whom 20,000 are sick and wounded. Sanitary appliances are exhausted, and the Japanese are busy in giving aid to the sufferers. A British cruiser left Wei-hai-wei for Port Arthur on Wednesday with supplies and medical stores.—General Stossel, in a despatch of December 28, gives painful details of the desperate plight of the garrison, and of its heavy losses in officers. He has telegraphed to the Tsar asking pardon for his surrender. In anticipation of their surrender the Russians, early on Monday, blew up the East Keekwanshan and Q Forts, and almost all their warships and steamers. Four Russian destroyers escaped to Chifu on Sunday night, having on board despatches and a number of soldiers. Two Russian torpedo-boats have arrived at Tsing-tau, in Kiaochau. Admirals Togo and Kamimura arrived in Tokio on December 30, and received an enthusiastic welcome.—Admiral Skrydloff, commander of the Vladivostok squadron, has been recalled to St. Petersburg.—Admiral Membagatoff has been appointed commander of the squadron which is to sail from Libau for the East on January 23.—A large amount is to be spent on the reconstruction and reinforcement of the Russian fleet, and eight first class battleships are to be laid down. Definite arrangements have been made to issue a Russian loan of £25,000,000 in Berlin.—General Kuropatkin is said to feel deeply the dilatory manner in which his requests for troops, munitions, and provisions have been met.—According to French correspondents in St. Petersburg, the Tsar is swayed by conflicting influences, and it is just possible that the fall of Port Arthur may prove the precursor of peace. The disaster has caused great consternation and depression in Russia. Rumours of the recall of Admiral Rozhdestvensky's squadron are being circulated.—It is said than Vice-Admiral Dubassoff is to replace Vice-Admiral Kaznakoff as Russian representative on the Commission of Inquiry into the North Sea incident.

Obituary.—Mr. F. Clifford, K.C.; Major-General Harbett; Cardinal Langenieux; Menshawi Pasha; Captain Griffith-Boscawen; the Rev. R. Lovett; Mr. G. Hinckley, V.C., Mr. J. H. Lock; the Rev. H. L. Thompson; Canon Stratton; Captain Henderson-Smith (formerly of the Worcester Regiment); Mr. F. Elkington; Maj.-Gen. T. R. Ryan; Mr. E. Rose, dramatist; and the widow of Captain Mayne Reid.—"Times."

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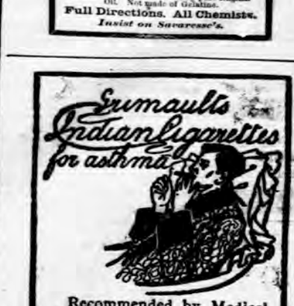

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OUR POLITICAL ANTHEM.

The first performace in England on Monday of Wagner's overture "Rule Britannia," took place, appropriately enough, in the Queen's Hall. The initial production of the original was in a Prince's garden, at a fete given by Frederick Prince of Wales, more than eight score years ago. It is curious that the Noble ode, destined, as Southy said, to be the political hymn of this country as long as she maintains her political power, should, like the National Anthem, be of doubtful parentage. It was written for the "Masque of Alfred" by Thomson and Mallet. Authorities now agree that the ode was the work of the author of "The Seasons," but Mallet, when the masque was metamorphosed by himself into an opera for Covent Garden, impudently implied that only "part of one song" remained in the whole work which was not his own. That, however, was eleven years after Thomson's death. During the poet's lifetime the authorship was credited to him, and Mallet was never heard of in connection with it. The fine melody to which it is set is not open to doubt. That, of course, was the creation of Thomas Augustus Arne.

THE REWARD OF HEROISM.

The rapturous ovation accorded Admirals Togo and Kamimura suggests interesting comparison with the rewards lavished upon the heroes of other nations. The tendency now is to act on ready money principles and not to pledge posterity to payments for services rendered by a man long forgotten. We are paying now £72[illegible] a year to the heirs of the Duke of Schomberg, who died close upon two and a quarter centuries ago. To the Duke of Wellington the country gave, first, an annuity of £2,000 a year for two generations; then £100,000 for Waterloo; and bought him Strathfieldsaye at a cost of £263,000; all this in addition to the £30,000 which he received in prize money. The battle of Trafalgar will cost us £5,000 a year so long as there is anyone to whom the peerage can descend. The Duke of Marlborough cost us a million in pensions and palaces. His pension of £4,000 a year was paid until some score of years ago when it was commuted for £107,780. To our great modern figures Lords Wolseley, Roberts, and Kitchener we have paid down on the nail, settling up as we go on.

THE MIGHTY FALLEN.

Admiral Dewey was offered £1,000 for a short article for an American magazine—and refused; Lieutenant Hobson accepted £1,200 for a description of his "Merrimac" exploit. Germany signalised the success of the 1866 campaign by presenting Bismarck with £50,000; Count Roon with £15,000, and Moltke, Steinmetz and Von Bittenfeld each with £30,000. The Fatherland was in funds with its huge indemnity from France, and cheerfully set aside £250,000 for the rewarding of its military heroes. The Emperor gave Bismarck the Friedrichsruhe estate out of his own private domains. In a case like this it is more blessed to receive than to give. But Sapor, King of Persia, did not think so when he carried off Valerian, Emperor of Rome, his captive, arrayed in his imperial robes, was about from town to town as the wheels of a chariot, and when Sapor desired to mount his horse, was made to lie down at his footstool. When poor Valerian eventually died, not even then could the Persians loose their hold upon their trophy. They had his body skinned, painted the hide red, and hung it up in their chief temple.

SEVASTOPOL II.

Waterloo for the French, Sevastopol for the Russians, have been synonyms for national calamity. Sevastopol hit Russia harder even than Moscow. The old capital was invaded by Napoleon. It is true, but he saw his own capital invaded by the Tsar in turn; so accounts were squared. But at Sevastopol the revelation was made that Russia, having supposed herself invincible on land, was a beaten, exhausted nation with exchequer empty, and holding paper money which the banks would not honour. If then, her pride were so humbled when the Malakoff fell and the whole of Sevastopol had to be evacuated, how bitter must be the feeling to-day over the fall of Port Arthur. For Port Arthur is, or was, the strongest fortress the world has known.

ATTACK AND DEFENCE.

The retreat of the Grand Army showed what Russian forces can do in the way of fighting in the open. But Sevastopol and Port Arthur prove them greatest when fighting on the defensive. The strength and courage of the men and the unparalleled character of the defences behind which they have fought serve, however, to make the defeat of the Russians in the present instance the greatest triumph for the Japanese gained since scientifically built fortresses were. The Russians could not have done as well, judging from their records. Osman Pasha never had more men at Plevna than Stoessel has commanded. Yet he repulsed first 7,000 Russians, with a loss of one-third; then 30,000 with a loss of 7,000, and, finally, after withstanding a four day's bombardment, hurled back an army of 90,000 with a loss to the latter of 18,500. Not until the Russians brought up 107,000 men with 510 field guns and 40 siege guns did they succeed in surrounding the intrepid Turk, and causing his surrender. On the other hand, Kars, garrisoned by 5,000 men, stood out only thirty days, and was captured by a brilliant assault which took the garrison by surprise. But the defenders were outnumbered seven to one.

SHOT AND SHELL.

It will probably be found that a new record has been established in the matter of round discharged by the Port Arthur garrison and the besieging army. The rapidity of modern gunfire must eclipse all previous figures. It was considered wonderful at the siege of St. Sebastian in 1812, that the breaching battery of ten guns should average 350 rounds per gun in 15 1-2 hours. The Germans dropped 197,000 projectiles into Metzeres, killing, however, only with each 500th discharge. Only two people died at Trouville from the discharge of 27,000 shells. Sedan was much more deadly, 240,000 projectiles accounting for 9,000 casualties. The Americans, who pride themselves on their marksmanship, expected that terrible casualty lists would result from their firing in the war with Spain. Well, at Santiago they bombarded for two nights, and their machine guns alone were responsible for 25,000 rounds. But only sixty-eight of the enemy succumbed.

WHAT WILL SHE DO WITH IT.

Twice in ten years Japan has taken Port Arthur. Ten years ago she achieved her success with a loss of four hundred men or so. This time after the expenditure of so many lives, she will be desperately anxious to retain what she has won. She had not a friend in the world when after she had wrested the Liaotung from China, Russia, France and Germany forced her to regard this principal share of her winnings. Now she has England for ally. Meantime Port Arthur on a twenty five years' lease; which leas[illegible], in the ordinary course of events, be renewable. The position is an anxious one. But the whole history of Port Arthur has come into existence only seven years ago. Russian engineers built the harbour works, and got the work through during the Chino-Japanese War, when Japan was forced into the hands of Japan. Then came the informal new Triple Alliance, and Port Arthur is that Russia is in possession and "in the harbour" to winter." It still has the harbour, but under the water. And the flag of Japan waves over the Russian eagle on all thoughts was for ever to dominate the impregnable rock" of the Far East.

WASTED SYMPATHY.

Fancy stockings, it is said, are the coming fashion with ladies of New York. It is as well in those matters that the shade adopted should not lead to misconstruction. That has happened in regard to those delicate golden brown stockings, practically flesh-colour in a dim light, which ladies in London have lately affected. A young lady descending from a 'bus in the Strand the other day, was compelled in crossing the muddy road to raise her dress more than ankle high. A passenger on the 'bus gazed at her dainty shoes and the startling-coloured hose of this description. Well, he said, with a sigh; you talk of Wars 'Ow out o' work and wivout no boots. Now there's wot I do like a bit of genteel poverty. Why that poor girl there, for all she's so well dressed outside, ain't got no stockin's on.

THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF CABBY.

Country cousins coming for the first time to London fondly believe the old legend that every cabbie driver of a hansom cab they see has a place in Debrett as well as on the register at Scotland Yard; and when grievously overcharged attribute it to the driver's lordly misconception of values. There are really some men of mark among them. In Sheffield it seems one man gets off his box to teach shorthand to poor boys at night, and a second has an intimate acquaintance with Darwin and Tyndall. Brixton boasts of a cabman who speaks five languages a West End stand numbers among its habitues a driver vastly learned in astronomy. Another is a humble philanthropist who is father and mother guardian and provider to the five orphans of a dead comrade. Those are the exceptions, the man of whom Sir Augustus Harris used to tell was more characteristic. Augustus Harris 1, R. D.L. was the description on the Drury Lane impresario's bag. His cabman was dissatisfied with the fare paid him and glanced scornfully at the lettered bag. Call yourself a T R D L? quoth he. Yer as much a T R D L as I am.

SAMSON'S FOXES.

The jackal-dog pupies—or should it be cubs?—of which we are hearing just now may be collateral descendants of the foxes which, with lighted brands at their tails, Samson turned loose among the crops and vineyards of the Philistines. The "fox" of the Old Testament refers in many instances to the jackal. Its original home was India, Persia, Arabia, Palestine, and Asia Minor. It followed in the track of old-world armies to North Africa, the Morea, and Dalmatia. Wolves, foxes, and dogs descend from common stock, so that there is nothing surprising in the mating of a jackal and a dog. This makes remarkable, however, the statement that a jackal cannot bark. It is true that it does not in its wild state. It howls, and the Arabic name "Daeb" (howler) has reference to this habit. But the jackal can bark and he does so in imitations of the dog when domesticated. Wolves under similar conditions have been known to do the like. There is no reason why they should not. Perhaps they are wise, like the monkeys, who, as was once said, "could talk, but are too knowing to do so." That cunning little rogue the sparrow could sing as blithely as the linnet if he would. One actually did learn the song of these merry warblers, just as many a canary has spoilt his own pretty song by substituting the unmelodious chirp of the sparrow.

PROF. JANSSEN, the well-known astronomer, is (the "Newcastle Chronicle" Rome correspondent says) about to undertake a series of deeply interesting observations on Mount Vesuvius. As one of the founders of the study of astronomical physics, the professor pays close attention to volcanic phenomena, as being the manifestations of our planet capable of being observed from others in space, and observation of them by ourselves may aid in detecting similar occurrences on other planets. Moreover, the study of telluric rays has an interesting relation to studies of the solar spectrum, and by a process of mutual comparison, aided by known astronomical facts, may result in the elimination of some accepted hypothesis as to the constitution of planetary bodies, and may thus promote the knowledge of ascertained truth.

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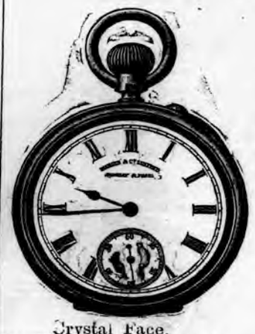

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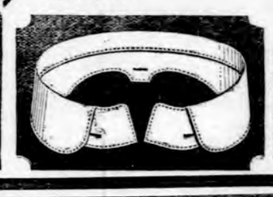

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